

Greetings Class of '85,

I hope everyone is enjoying a joyous Spring wherever you are spending it. I have been busy putting all the finishing touches on our 40th Reunion and we are about 1 week away from our registration link being up and running. I have secured contracts for all the major events, finalized menus, put the bus transportation schedule together and have had to add additional hotel rooms to our existing block and am working on a 3rd hotel location once our current block of rooms at the Westin is sold out (we are very close). Also, I am pleased to announce that a local band called DeadEye Stare will be performing at our Saturday tailgate hitting the stage playing some great classic rock songs and crowd favorites. We will have Tommy Gatz as our DJ for our Friday evening Cocktail event the Fluegel Center playing a wide variety of music appropriate for the moment, so if you want to dance a little at either event, you will have that chance (Dace Judy!). You will also be super excited about the Reunion Tee shirt and hat shop I am opening as well as a Reunion store that will be available on our website, these are links to vendors I have been working to come up with great reunion merchandise that you can order, items such as beer and whiskey glasses to custom watches and blankets. I will keep adding content to the class store and you will have plenty of great items you can order to commemorate our 40th Reunion. Everything for this reunion is running through the Class website:

<http://1985.usnaclases.net>

The menus for the major events are now posted, you can see all the amazing food we will be serving each night and at the tailgate, so come hungry! I will announce the pricing soon when the registration is open, that will also be on the Class website, so bookmark this site and visit it often because I will be adding news and information to this in addition to my emails and Facebook announcements. Get your rooms at the Westin or Springhill Suites now, they are running out FAST! Once our block is sold, rooms go from \$317 to \$499 a night, once the Westin is sold out, I am working on a contract with the Graduate Hotel and will provide that for you soon. For now, save a few \$\$ as prices have gone up since our last reunion (anyone surprised?), and get ready to party in a few short months, it is coming very fast and I cannot be more excited to see everyone and start celebrating. Go Navy and see you in September!! That first cold Aviator Lager at McGarvey's has been calling my name for months now (who is buying?).

Bob Smith '85