

Hi again Class of '85,

I will do my best to not blow up your mailboxes and still give you as much and up to date information as I can in a timely fashion. As of today, we have approximately 7 rooms for Thursday-Sunday at the Westin Hotel, as of yesterday they added enough rooms for Thursday so that you can now book the entire weekend at the group rate and be at the HQ hotel for the weekend. That problem is now fixed, so please feel free to book. That link is:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1741294043166&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true&app=resvlink>

Since the Westin will soon be sold out, I have been able to negotiate a block of rooms for the Reunion at the Graduate Hotel by Hilton at a rate of \$269 for the entire weekend and will run shuttles to and from that hotel as well. PLEASE don't cancel your Westin rooms to go to the Graduate, that may drop me below a contractually obligated room count and then we incur a penalty for this. The extra rooms at the Westin are without any attrition penalty, but if we get a slew of cancellations, it will cause me sleepless nights. It is my hope we sell out our remaining 7 rooms at the Westin and have a nice size group at the Graduate Hotel as well. The Springhill Suites is still an option as well, they have a few rooms at that hotel available at the group rate too and I think we have a few rooms left at the group rate. Here is that link:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1741704131799&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true&app=resvlink>

Not being an attorney, I am learning a lot about these now complicated hotel contracts and will take these lessons moving forward to make my life easier. Here is the link to the Graduate Hotel room block, which will also be on the USNA 85 Website soon:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=ANPGAGU&arrivalDate=2025-09-18&departureDate=2025-09-21&groupCode=90B&room1NumAdults=1>

We are in the final stages of the registration site being up and operating, you will see that in the next few days and it will remain open until the Reunion. Our cutoff date to register is September 10th and that is also the date for full refunds, after that date, since I have to lock in numbers with vendors and pay them for food, etc., I will only be able to issue partial refunds. We will start a list for people who want to come to the reunion last minute to allow a full refund to people who need to cancel last minute, so that I can accommodate as many people without anyone being left out or not getting a full refund. Here is the Class of 85 website link, PLEASE bookmark this as it will be the focal point for all things Reunion going forward, less emails and more content being added to that site as you will start seeing. I am not going to give away tee shirts and hat this reunion as I have found a great vendor who will open a Class of '85 Reunion Store and you can go on and choose and customize your own 40th Reunion merchandise. This will drive down the cost of the registration fee and also give everyone to shop for the reunion merchandise that best suits you, it all looks GREAT, you will be pleased. I will be giving away a great Tempurcraft water bottle to everyone, this is an AWESOME all purpose drink bottle that I have owned for over a year and love it. That company has agreed to make some super cool logo bottles for us and I will have pictures on the website. A normally \$35 bottle retail will cost us \$25 since we are buying in bulk and they love the military. There will be numerous other vendors who want to sell us stuff, so I

am giving them an opportunity to sell this directly to you, and there are some nice items to buy. I will have already purchased some great whiskey and beer glasses with a special 40th Reunion logo on one side and our class crest on the other side, that will be on the website soon too. Here is our '85 Website Link, bookmark it and watch for more content being added on daily sometimes:

<http://1985.usnaclases.net>

When the registration website opens you will see the events are not "cheap", but I have worked to get as much value balanced with as much quality into each event. From the Thursday kickoff party at McGarvey's to the \$10 Sunday Brunch in King Hall, you will see as much quality balanced with the lowest prices I could negotiate. This is our 40th Reunion, in my opinion, the most important one we have had so far, so I am hoping for a large crowd of at least 1000 Classmates and Guests and have planned these events for a great turnout, so I thank you for coming and thank you for telling other classmates and company mates about it and encouraging them to attend. None of us are guaranteed to be around for our 45th and 50th as we all get older, so why not BLOW THIS ONE OUT? My approach is simple, this might be my last reunion so I am going all in on it. I hope to be around for 5 or 6 more of these, BUT.... for me, this one is the most important one cause I plan on being around this September according to my Doctor. I hope you feel the same way I do! Anyhow, registration opens soon and more information coming out on the Class website in addition to our registration. Go Navy, Beat Army!! See you all in a few months. Reach out to me if you any questions of comments, I am happy to chat with you. Some of you already have and I very much appreciate it, feedback and thank yous go a long way.

Bob Smith '85