

Class of '85,

We are proud to announce that one of our Classmates, Thom Parham, was featured in Daily Shipmate (an online version of Shipmate) for being a recipient of the Fulbright Scholar Award. Here is today's article about Thom:

### ***USNA Alumnus wins Fulbright Award***

*Two faculty members from Palm Beach Atlantic University received Fulbright Scholar awards. Dr. Thomas Parham, professor of communication and media studies, will research how streaming services and U.S. runaway production affect Canadian cultural identity. He will conduct research at the University of Regina in Saskatchewan. He graduated from USNA in 1985 with a B.S. in English and stayed on as a graduate assistant for a semester to teach two sections of HE 111 and tutor in the Writing Center. Parham spent seven years on active duty, during which he qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer. He left the Navy to complete graduate studies in performing arts and communication studies. Dr. Parham worked at Paramount Pictures in the mid-90s as supervisor of publishing for the studio's licensing division and also worked on more than 100 episodes of broadcast television during that decade.*

Our sincere congratulations to Professor Thom for this noteworthy achievement and all he does for his students at Palm Beach Atlantic University, as well as making all classmates proud that he represents us. If you don't receive the Daily Shipmate, I highly recommend signing up for it by contacting John Schofield at USNAA to be put on the distribution list, I really enjoy reading this and it keeps me connected between the distribution of the Shipmate magazines. Here is John's email: [john.schofield@usna.com](mailto:john.schofield@usna.com)

Today is the final day to order the special edition Class of '85 Jacob Bromfield flasks, these have been a hot item and we have sold over 75 of these flasks so far. I will have a display of these flasks at the reunion as well and we will open a second ordering window starting at the reunion.

Also, the ordering window for the Jensen Class of '85 duffel bags is only open five more days. We will also have a small inventory to sell at the reunion and a second ordering window as well. I absolutely LOVE this bag, you will too. See the merchandise section of the USNA '85 website for all Reunion related merchandise and apparel, including the flasks and duffel bag. (see below)

For those who have ordered the Axia Time Class of '85 watch, we received over 40 orders and production has started, delivery of these watches is estimated to be November and I will have updates from Axia as we get closer to delivery dates. I will have a sample of this watch on display at the reunion, and we will open a second ordering window, I am fully confident that some of you who did not place an order, will be happy to have an opportunity to do so, these time pieces are gorgeous and a truly great value.

I am going to ask that classmates start sending me pictures that I can use for a slideshow that we will put together as well as a memory board I will have on display at all the major reunion events. I would especially love to get pics from our major USNA events, like I-Day, Plebe Summer, Ring Dance, Service Selection, Cruises, Graduation, Fleet experiences, etc. Please email these to me at: [usnaclassof85@gmail.com](mailto:usnaclassof85@gmail.com) I will also have a weblink to class pictures on the USNA 85 Website:

<http://1985.usnaclasses.net/>

Bookmark our website and go here for all things Class of '85 and Class 40th Reunion!!

## Army/Navy 2025

I have secured a pre-game tailgate party at the Wico Street Beer Company in downtown Baltimore. This will be an All You Can Eat and Drink event for a few hours prior to the game plus a watch party at their venue for those not attending the game. The price we are shooting for is \$70 a head and we will be partnering with the USNA Decades of the 80's graduates group for this complete takeover of their venue. You can park and walk to and from the game from this party as it is only a few blocks from M&T Bank Stadium. More info to follow and sign ups coming later this summer, but put this on your travel planning calendar as it will be another "don't miss event" for our Class.

Okay, lots of great news here today, keep the registrations coming PLEASE. We are on a great trajectory for attendance and I will be training our company reps next week on using the data we are collecting to keep everyone abreast of who is signed up from their company or our class in general.

A reminder that August 1st is the early registration deadline and you will save \$200 by registering early for the reunion if you are bringing a guest, \$100 if you are flying solo, don't miss that deadline!! Like I have said, you can cancel if you need to, BUT, once we pass the August 1st deadline, I cannot waive that fee. Be safe, enjoy a GREAT summer and Go Navy!!

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