

Hello Class of '85,

Some time sensitive and important updates for our reunion today. We have only 9 hotel rooms left at the Graduate Hotel, after those are gone, all the group rate hotel rooms in Annapolis for our reunion weekend are sold out. There is a large Blue Grass festival in the area that weekend and that event is taking up rooms quickly as the event approaches.

There are still rooms at some of the local hotels, but not enough for hotels to offer us a group rate at this point. I might suggest the Hilton Garden Inn as an alternative once the Graduate sells out, if you stay there, you can walk to the Graduate for shuttle bus pickups and drop offs. I am taking down all the hotel sign ups other than the Graduate from our Class website today, but don't delay or procrastinate on this, if you are waiting to register, DON'T wait to get your rooms as prices are going up as availability goes down. That is, unless your sponsors are still alive and have a spare couch in their basement, then you will be good.

Today is the final day to pre-order our Class of '85 Duffel bags at \$58.85 pricing. I have one, I LOVE IT! I have received numerous compliments when I travel and people see it. It is super high quality and it is under \$60. That is about 2 glasses of wine if you live in Las Vegas like I do. We will have some for purchase at the reunion and you will be able to place individual orders as well, but you will pay at least \$20 more if you wait. When you see this bag, you will say to yourself: "Oh \$hit, I should have ordered one like Bob told me to". Best \$58.85 investment I have made in a long time, even if I can't afford a glass of wine on the Vegas Strip now.

Some of you have sent me great pics of times at USNA and in the fleet or at USNA related events since graduation, I am still accepting those please. Email me at: [usnaclasseof85@gmail.com](mailto:usnaclasseof85@gmail.com) if you have some you want to share with the class, email me. Especially looking for I-day, Ring Dance, Two for Seven, Service Selection, Graduation week, Football games, etc. Oh, and cool fleet photos. Thanks for sending those.

Go to our Class website and get a room if you need one, register if you need to and order one of the USNA '85 Jensen Duffel bags TODAY. (Last day, like I said). I received a sample Axia Watch Co. USNA '97 watch yesterday. My only words here are OMG!!! This time piece blew me away and congratulations to those who placed the order, you will NOT be disappointed in any way you that you bought one. Those of you who did not order, I will have samples at the reunion and we will be offering a second ordering window. Believe me when I tell you, you WILL want one. I recently learned that Axia is the official time piece of the Heisman Trophy awards. I can see why after having received this sample watch yesterday.

Here is the Class of '85 website, if you don't have it bookmarked yet, ask your grandkids who to do because you really need to have it as your most important bookmarked website, 64 days and a wake up until our 40th Reunion!!

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

Our 40th WILL BE EPIC!! Go Navy and more updates coming. Our numbers are looking great so far, keep it up and see you in September!!

Bob Smith '85