

Happy Tuesday Navy '85!

I know, 3 emails in 2 days, things are moving at that pace lately. First on my list is our Memorial Service on Friday, September 19th at 10:00 am at the main USNA Chapel. Classmate Emil Petruncio has done a wonderful job of setting up this service again and he needs some singers for Eternal Father. If you are interested in volunteering your voice, please email Emil at: [eaucanblu@gmail.com](mailto:eaucanblu@gmail.com)

Singers plan on meeting at the St. Andrews Chapel at 0930 prior to the service. That chapel is located below the main chapel. Classmate Stan Newton will be presiding over the service again this reunion. He wants to pass this along: The Memorial Message will relate to both a remembrance and a call to those of us who remain to consider our legacy. I am thankful to these two classmates and the other volunteers who are making the Memorial Service a special part of this weekend of celebration as we always do. Those who have left us too soon are gone, but not forgotten!

Most of you should have received an email from Wendy Owen of USNAA recently inviting you to start a profile in the Class of '85 Reunion Cruise Book. Here is that email from Wendy:

*Dear 1985,*

*With your reunion coming up, we wanted to give everyone the chance to share some favorite memories and life updates and re-connect with one another ahead of your gathering. So please take a few minutes to create your page in your digital Cruise Book. Share as much or as little about yourself, your family, your journey since graduation - anything you would like. Be sure to include at least one photo (the more, the better). Once you are in the book, you'll be able to read about what others are up to and hopefully be inspired to reach out to old friends and connect. The Cruise Book is super easy and is just for your classmates to participate in. You can add to and edit your page until the yearbook closes after December 31, 2025. Thank you for making this a big success for the entire class. We hope to see you soon! Best, Wendy*

Classmates, I filled out my profile and I LOVE THIS Book and encourage everyone to take a few minutes to take a look and to fill out your own profile. I have dreamed of having the ability to do something like for the past several years, and now we have it (without me having to figure it out!!). Here is Wendy's email if you need another invite:

[wendy.owen@usna.com](mailto:wendy.owen@usna.com). Here is a link to just look at the current version of this Cruise Book:  
<https://usna.brightcrowd.com/1985-40th-reunion>

I would love to see everyone put something on their own page in this book, I cannot think of a better way to keep up with each other as we prepare for our reunion and after our reunion ends. Thanks to Wendy and to USNAA for giving us this gift and I promised her that '85 would participate in this, if not set the record! Don't delay and take a look today, build your own page so the rest of us can catch up with you. The maps on this site are truly impressive as well. That is it for today, more emails coming in the days and weeks ahead, I want everyone well informed and prepared/pumped to get to Annapolis ready to rumble!!! Go Navy and see you in a few weeks! If you haven't registered, you still have a few weeks to join this epic party.

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Thanks!

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