

Happy Hump Dad USNA '85,

Okay, so I am at the point where I can say: "In a week from today, I will be..... doing X, Y or Z in Annapolis at the Reunion". I started this journey a few days after the last reunion in 2021 (remember the delayed COVID Reunion?) Anyhow, here we are one week away. The weather looks FABULOUS! The one thing I cannot control and so far, so good, with no brewing storms in the Atlantic threatening us with a hurricane like Helene that hit us 10 years ago looming. Okay, like you, I am getting my packing list ready (My wife diligently getting her daily outfits all ready is fun to watch) and checking off the last "To-Do" items. I bet I have a few more than you, but they are all good items. Let's review a few things that may help you:

Dress Code:

Thursday evening: Casual

Friday Memorial Service and other events: Nice Casual or better

Friday Evening: Nice business attire/Cocktail party appropriate. No ties... but sports coats and dress shirts at a minimum. The ladies can figure this one out for sure!

Saturday Tailgate: Casual

Sunday Brunch: Nice casual, appropriate to dine with Midshipmen or attend a service if you are doing that.

Wednesday night Pre-Welcome Aboard party: I will be in town Tuesday and if anyone arrives on Wednesday or lives in town, we will gather for a proper Happy Hour at the Davis' Pub in Eastport. Website: www.Davispub.com
Let me know if you are going to show up so I can give the staff a heads up on the number we will have so they can ice down the beers and lock the cash register.

Admiral Stuart Munsch is attending our reunion. Our most senior classmate still on active service is making the trip from Naples to join the reunion. He will be attending many of our events including speaking at our Class meeting on Friday from 1115-1200 in Mitscher Hall. I will conduct some class business and Admiral Munsch will speak for about 20 minutes at the end of the meeting. If you are in the Yard attending the Memorial service or just milling about smartly, stop by the Class meeting and also the Supe's Brief on Friday, lots of GREAT information from Stuart and from the new Supe, Lt General Borgschulte, later that afternoon from 1415 to 1530 at Mahan Hall.

At the registration check in, we will give out your lanyards and name tags, those will have our schedule printed on it. The Shuttle schedule will also be given out and posted in all 3 of our hotels. If you are going to any of the big events, our busses will start running 30-45 minutes prior to those events kicking off and will run for an hour after those events end. It is fine to show up a little early, at all three of them, the bars will be open a little early to catch the early arrivals. If you are taking an Uber or driving, I will have that information at registration as well to help your driver navigate to an appropriate drop off/pick up point. Drive responsibly all weekend, we are serving alcohol at the big events, so best to let someone else do the driving!!

Okay, visit the Class of '85 website early and often to get the latest news. I will keep that up to date throughout this reunion. Here is our website: <http://1985.usnaclass.net/>

If you still have questions or need anything, I am just an email away and answer them quickly. See you all next week... I AM BEYOND EXCITED!! Go Navy... Beat Tulsa (3-0 would be nice!)

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