

Class of '85,

Happy Sunday-Funday! I am packing up for an early morning flight to Annapolis tomorrow and besides being insanely busy, I am insanely excited. I want to slow down the week and enjoy as much of it as I can, there is a lot to enjoy that's for sure. Let me hit the highlights:

- We crossed 900 classmates and Guests as of last night, 31st company wins the prize of most attendees at 22, 34th company one behind at 21. Congrats to those companies and my sincere thanks to my company reps, they really are the reason for this great attendance.
- Fully attended Class Golf Outing at USNA Course on Thursday from 1100-1600
- Thursday night we will kick off with 350 people at a closed door event at McGarvey's, they are ready for us! The new Supe may stop by and say hello and take us up on free beers. Remember, free food, cash bar for this event. You can register there if you cannot make it to the Westin on Thursday in time, held upstairs in the raw bar area.
- Our voice gifted Classmates are putting together some beautiful music for the memorial service and Classmate Stan Newton will lead our tribute to the Fallen members of '85 at the Main Chapel at 1000-1100 on Friday.
- Our class meeting is at Mitscher Hall, 1115-1200 on Friday will allow me to update you on Class happenings, fundraising successes and new projects, some upcoming Class travel and I will turn the podium over to classmate, Admiral Stuart Munsch, our former Brigade Commander and currently serving as commander of United States Naval Forces Europe-Africa and commander of Allied Joint Force Command Naples since 27 June 2022. He is excited to be back and to address the Class and see at the events he will be attending.
- The new Superintendent of the Naval Academy, Lt General Mike Borgschulte, USMC and USNA '91, will address the Class at 1415-1530 at Mahan Hall, also on Friday.
- The Class Cocktail dinner at the Fluegel Alumni Center kicks off at 1745-2100 on Friday. We have over 600 attending and it gives us a chance to see this beautiful facility that our class raised over \$800,000 to build. Great food, music and an open bar!!
- On Saturday, we own the Tailgate area at the '53 Scoreboard end of NMCS starting at 1300-1700. Four hours of great food, live music from the band DeadEye Stare and cold beverages (free beer and wine, cash bar), not to mention 860 attendees! Great weather expected and a GREAT Party assured. Remember, '85 is still undefeated in tailgates, that is a solid record.
- We end our reunion with over 400 attendees for the Sunday Brunch in King Hall from 0800-1100, I wonder if they will serve Neeb's Loaf Omelets?

Those are just the highlights of some of the great things happening this weekend and lots of company events also taking place. The weather looks great so far, fingers crossed. When you register, we will have some of our class merchandise on display so you can actually see some of these items close up and will have ordering information to place orders in case you missed the opportunity before the Reunion. Some GREAT stuff to check out including the Axia Class of '85 timepiece on display (actually a watch from '97 similar to ours). These are exquisite timepieces and there will be an ordering window opening after the reunion.

Okay, only days left until the Kickoff party, make the '85 website your place to visit for information before you panic or reach out to me. <http://1985.usnaclass.net/>

A quick note on refunds, I am accepting them until midnight tonight and you can request them on the SignUpEvents website where it says: "Submit a Case". They might take until after the reunion because we are focused on executing the reunion this week, so please be patient and submit them and I will follow up after the reunion on ALL refund requests.

I have the list of attendees on the website in case you want to check and see who is coming. My cell is: 502-432-6185 in case you have a question that is time critical and an email won't work. If you have any photos you want to add for the slide show at the dinner, email them to me: usnaclassof85@gmail.com, my wife Tracey is working on that now. Rest up, hydrate and travel safe to Annapolis. Congrats to Navy on a great win yesterday and a 3-0 record! Go Navy... See you in a few days.

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