

Hello '85,

We are now counting the hours to BLASTOFF! McGarvey's is making sure they have enough crab dip to feed a brigade of hungry Marines and enough beer to float a Battleship. It is great to see classmates still signing up, yes, my superstar procrastinators are coming through at the last minute and I LOVE IT! Can you still register and come to this EPIC weekend? Did Bud Edney put the Brigade in hack during our plebe year after Army Navy for throwing TV's out the windows of the Philly hotel? (That means YES!) Go to the Class of '85 Website and GET ERRR DONE.

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I checked into the Westin today and it sure likes nice and is newly remodeled, if you have been here in the past, you will LOVE the new set up. I am hanging out the next few days to put the finishing touches on this bash, so when you show up Thursday Annapolis will be ready and the expensive silverware will be put into hiding. Navy has blessed us with a 3-0 start to revel in and we can start planning for the Class of '85 Army/Navy game watch party and tailgate at Wico Street Beer Company on Saturday, December 13th. Details coming out next week, so you can get into and out of rehab in time for this next party. Seriously, this is the next great opportunity to enjoy more time with classmates, great Navy Football and either the watch of the game on Wico Street's large projection TV or head over to M&T Bank Stadium for the fun and head back to Wico Street for the victory party.

At the reunion Class meeting, I have a few special announcements to make. One is our Distinguished Graduate Committee headed by Classmate Ann-Marie Pick. We are in the era where our classmates who meet the qualifications of being a Distinguished Graduate, will have the support of this Class and our new committee as they navigate the selection process. Next, I am announcing the official kickoff of 85 to 85, or our class trip to Normandy for the 85th Anniversary of the D-Day Landing. There will be more information coming soon, I wanted to get through the reunion before announcing this travel opportunity.

Stadium Parking for the tailgate? It will be FREE. There will be an attendant at Gate 5 (nearest the Blue Angels F-18), who will count the cars for our event. Stop by and tell them you are parking for the '85 Class Tailgate. Uber, Lyft and taxi drop offs are FREE too. The Shuttle busses are also free and easy, so save on driving and grab a shuttle from one of the hotels. Please drive safe since we are serving free beer and wine all afternoon.

If anyone is in town Wednesday or lives in the area, we are gathering at 1700 for Happy Hour, it is the Pre-Kickoff party at Davis' Pub in Eastport. If you are coming, let me know so I can inform the staff of our numbers. So far, a few of your class officers and locals are heading that way, come and join us and start doing stretching exercises for your liver. It is nice to be back and I can feel the momentum of a great weekend in the air. Safe travels and reach out if you need anything and if you still want to come, well, you know how to make that happen. See you in a few short days!! Go Navy!!

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