

Greetings classmates,

I'm emailing out our annual update this year (last year I tried the facebook video feature but most didn't take advantage of it so back to email). I will continue to use classmail for the more "official" announcements to reach all of those not on facebook. Remember that we also have a website that Cara keeps up date date and has done a LOT of work to get up and running. <http://1996.usnaclasses.net>

SAD NEWS

I hate start off with unfortunate news, but this week we lost our classmate Jeff Dixon. Funeral service/visitation will be Thursday 1:00-4:00 in Westminster, MD. Details are located at the following link. <http://m.prittsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/events?obituaryId=3453029&fbclid=IwAR0MSAahq4H5HG21ANuJAKx5k3twnaKZEL5nEiDuUH0l8mThoRFTLHbQUwo>

Please keep his family in your thoughts.

CLASS GIFT

For some time, we have been talking about our 30th Reunion Class Gift and our effort to raise \$600,000 in support of USNA. We have decided to lead the way with a new pilot for raising money for Class Gifts. Rather than rely on a few large donations, we want to push for record levels of smaller donations and much larger participation rates than is the norm. To that end, please consider making a minimum pledge of \$30 a month for 96 months. (\$2,880 total over 8 years)

Our project consists of Conservation of the 1st/2nd Class Benches (pictures attached), Project Based Learning, Athletic Excellence, and the Naval Academy Fund. It doesn't seem unreasonable that we could get the 208 classmates we need to reach our \$600K goal. In fact, we would love to blow past that participation rate. Please spread the word and reach out to your Class Officers or Company Reps with any questions.

We had hope to get this drive up and running on-line, but USNA Foundation issues with their software provider is delaying progress. Please excuse our 20th century methods and please help us reach our pledge goal before the Army Navy Game! Email, Scan, Fax (what is a fax?), or call in your pledges. Details on the attached pledge form.

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Ps. To those that give to other priorities (Rugby, Crew, D&B, Cyber etc.) please consider supporting our Class Gift in addition to your other annual donations. To those that plan to give more than \$2,880 over the next 8 years, feel free to up your \$30 pledge, make larger annual gifts, or supplement your current giving by adding a pledge to our Class Gift.

25TH REUNION

The planning for our 25th Reunion is well underway. The Committee has chosen Air Force weekend, Oct 1 - 3, 2021, as the tentative dates for our event. This choice allows the group to move forward with planning and vendor negotiations. Expect the dates to be finalized when the football schedule is published in Winter, 2021. Please feel free to contact me directly if you want to contribute or help with the planning.

Thomas Leahy, leahyt@gmail.com

COUNCIL OF CLASS PRESIDENTS

This year, Cara Albright attended the COCP on 8 Nov. Although this was a very abbreviated meeting, there were a few things that she wanted to pass along.

- Suicide Prevention- This initiative began with '98 in response to their own personal situation (50% of class losses that are not operational are due to suicide) and will be discussed at great length at the spring '19 COCP.
- A lot of discussion on reunions (lessons learned, costs, alternative venues, etc...). All things that have been fed back to our Reunion Planning Committee.

COMPANY REPS

We are still looking for someone to volunteer to be their company rep. It's really not that much work but helps when we need to reach out to large groups.

Looking for reps for **7th, 26th, 29th, 32nd, and 34th** still....

You get to help us track down your company mates and make sure they are getting all the information on class news.

FOOTBALL TAILGATE

Another awesome year is almost over (JUST HAVE TO BEAT ARMY!!). Each week is like a mini-reunion and we often get people that are on work travel for the week to stay an extra night to come to the game on Sat.

The donations in the tailgate kitty pay for all of the sustainment (~\$3000 a year). This year, all of the prices went up pretty significantly but are still about breaking even. All the funds we receive to the paypal account help to pay for any of the larger upgrades (e.g., eventually we will need a new trailer, etc...). If you feel like throwing a few dollars that way to help make our spot one of the most envied tailgates, please send them to paypal at USNA1996Tailgater@gmail.com

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There may be a few 96 jerseys left if you didn't get a chance to get your personalized one: <https://www.onthefield.com/products/Custom-Navy-Midshipmen-Under-Armour-Football-Jersey-Imprinted-or-Hand-Stitched.html?fbclid=IwAR3DplIPGNEcvx0pILSq9YSnJzjw9HcTL3FaSUtXX0c6SqdbiY5WRtempJs>

ARMY/NAVY GAME

As usual, many of us will hit the town Fri night. Some of us will try to meet up so let me know if you want to join. Saturday, I'll do the standard no-host social at Tir na Nog in Philadelphia starting about 10:00. Every year they allow us to hog a section of the restaurant to stay warm, eat, and drink before the game. Hopefully the weather will be better than it was last year.

And with that, I'll wrap up this update.

Nagel Sullivan

Class President

BEAT ARMY!

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