

# USNA



## 25TH REUNION

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Dear Classmates and Guests:

Welcome to Annapolis and the 25th Class Reunion of the United States Naval Academy, Class of 1985

It is hard to believe that over a quarter century ago we graduated from the arms of mother Bancroft and joined the fleet as Ensigns or Second Lieutenants. This weekend we return to celebrate this great place known as "The Yard" and to celebrate each other. To reconnect with old friends, company mates, teammates, shipmates, platoon mates and their families; and perhaps even make new friends.

The Class of 1985 has long tried to build a strong tradition of "togetherness" as we have committed ourselves to excellence at each home tailgate weekend and at various away football events. Everyone in the stadium parking lot knows that the Class of 1985 tailgate will go strong into the autumn evening. I have had the opportunity to attend many home games the last 10 years and it has been amazing to see the size of the crowds and enthusiasm of those in attendance grow each game. When the current group of class leaders took office together, we dedicated ourselves to the belief:

**"If we build it they will come."**

Well, my hats to the class of 1985, you have showed everyone just how much you cared and how unified a group this class is. If you have not had a chance to make a home game recently, I encourage you to make a plan to attend one and to show up early and plan to stay late, as you can count on seeing our Class of '85 Flag flying proudly long after the Alma Mater is sung.

It has also been the goal of this Class to "leave no man (or woman) behind." We have proudly served and will always serve the families of our fallen classmates. This weekend you will have the chance to not only meet some of these families and to honor our fallen heroes at the Class Memorial service; you will also have a chance to support the establishment of the **Class of 1985 Permanent Memorial Fund**. After our 20th Reunion in 2005, we were able to write \$1000 checks to the families of our fallen classmates at the time. We will do the same this year for those who have passed in the last five years. In addition, we will establish a permanent fund that will someday help us do even more for these families and for other fallen heroes. Please take some time to look at the Benefit Silent Auction information and if you are not attending the class dinner, consider a proxy bid on one of the wonderful donated items we will be auctioning (winners need not be present, we will bill you). Everyone can also take part in the raffle of the "Class of 1985 Motor Scooter", which is also going the fund the Class and this Memorial Fund. Tickets are available at all events and the drawing will be Saturday at the tailgate.

This program should guide you through all the weekend's events, both in the Yard and out in town. We have spent five years in developing a weekend that will again "top the charts" for Class Reunions. From the kickoff at Fado's to the Island Themed Dinner Party to our Class of 1985 Tailgate Campus; we have tried to think "out of the box" and we hope it shows. Thanks for taking the time and expense to be part of this special occasion, we hope it is more than you bargained for. Thanks also for keeping the Class of 1985, quite truly, the best Class EVER to graduate from the United States Naval Academy.

Welcome "home" and we hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

All the best,

Your Class Officers/Reunion Coordinators:

Bob Smith 16th Co.  
Matt Schatzle 28th Co.

Dave McDonnell 25th Co.  
Tim Kane 28th Co.

Bryan Caisse 8th Co.  
Tom Lerch 8th Co.

## Schedule of events:

### Thursday, September 9:

Mid store Shopping	0730-1600
Reunion Registration, Westin Lobby	1200-1900
Reunion Kickoff Social Event Fado's Irish pub	1900-2200

### Friday, September 10:

Golf Outing Renditions Golf Course (Hotel shuttles depart at 0700, return 1300)	0700-1300
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Mid store Shopping	0730-1600
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Reunion Registration Westin Lobby	0900-1600
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Class Memorial Service, Main Chapel (Class Photo on Chapel Steps after Service)	1130-1230
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Superintendent's Brief, Alumni Hall	1400-1500
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Formal Parade, Worden Field	1600-1700
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Happy Hour, Pusser's Bar at Marriott Waterfront (Water taxis and buses to dinner @1830)	1630-1830
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Class reunion dinner at Bemby Beach (Annapolis sailing school):

Bar Open and Appetizers	1900
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Dinner	2000
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Bar closes	2230
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\*Shuttle buses depart hotels starting at 1830 and return after event. See Transportation Plan.

## Schedule of Events:

### Saturday, September 11:

Reunion Registration, Westin Lobby	0900-1100
Mid store Shopping	0900-1500
Reunion Tailgate Party at NMC Stadium 1hr.	1200-Final Gun +
Navy vs Ga. Southern Kickoff	1530-1900
Company/Open Time	After Game

### Sunday, September 12:

Farewell Brunch, Westin Hotel Ballroom (Open Seating, a la Carte)	0900-1200
Catholic Service, Main Chapel	0900-1000
Protestant Service, Main Chapel	1100-1215
**Westin Check Out Time**	1200

## **Check-In Procedure:**

Check-in times are noted in the schedule of events. We will have a registration desk located prominently in the Westin Hotel Lobby starting Thursday at 1200. For those arriving Saturday morning, we will have registration at the Westin Hotel from 0900-1100 and at the Tailgate starting at 1200.

Our Reunion name badges are color coded for the Events that you registered and paid for. A Blue Border will get you into the dinner and tailgate and a Gold Border will get into the Tailgate only. If you signed up for only the dinner, that border is Red and if you are not attending any paid events, your name badge will be all white. For those who signed up after August 18th or so, we will have plenty of blank name badges of each color and we will make you the proper name badge. The extras will also be used to accommodate "day of event" registrants at all events. There is a Reunion schedule of events on each name badge along with numbers for local taxi companies.

Reunion "give away" items will be given out at the registration desk. There will be an opportunity to purchase additional items if we have them available. Our apparel vendor will have a display of Class of '85 and Reunion Apparel also available online at her store. You can find links at [www.USNA85.com](http://www.USNA85.com). You can also put in a proxy bid for Silent Auction Items as well as purchase raffle tickets for the "Class of 1985 Scooter" drawing that will take place at the Tailgate Party at 1430.

Please be patient with this process, as we have tried to streamline this as much as possible. We will work with everyone to make sure you attend ALL events you paid for or want to attend and accommodate as many last minute changes as we can. We will take cash, checks and IOU's for payment and will take credit cards at the tailgate for last minute sign-ups.

If you have an issue you cannot resolve, please call me (Bob Smith) at: (502) 432-6185 and leave a message if I do not answer. I will get your issue resolved as quickly as I can.

## Yard, Parking and Gate Entry Information:

The Annapolis Buses will run to and from hotels to downtown and to USNA for the entire weekend. We HIGHLY recommend using the shuttles as traffic and parking will be an issue. (See Transportation Plan.)

### Gate Hours:

Gate 1: Mon-Fri	0600-2400
Sat-Sun	0600-0200
Gate 3: Mon-Fri Pedestrian	0600-1700
Sat-Sun Pedestrian	0600-2200
Gate 3: Mon-Fri Inbound cars	0600-0900
Mon-Fri Outbound cars	1500-1800
Gate 8: Open to pedestrians and vehicles	24/7

\*If you have a handicap license plate or placard, you can drive on the Yard, all passengers must have a valid photo ID.

You can only drive on the Yard with a valid DOD Decal (or a temporary Pass) and one passenger with a valid Military ID. For walking on the yard and entry to the Mid store, your Reunion ID and a valid picture ID will get you in. We **RECOMMEND** using the shuttle buses and not trying to park downtown, as the buses will have access to the Yard.

Navy/Marine Corps Stadium Parking is now limited to those with pre-paid parking passes (season ticket holders). You can park in local paid lots or some side streets nearby and walk or take the shuttle buses as per the schedule. The Westin Hotel is a short walk from our tailgate campus.

The Westin Hotel has paid public underground parking and the parking adjacent to the Holiday Inn Express on Riva Road is free of charge.

## Reunion Weekend Transportation Plan:

We have contracted with the Annapolis Bus Co. to provide transportation for our Reunion weekend. Below is all the information you will need to know to use get around for the entire weekend. We have designed the Reunion to allow you to park your car for the weekend and avoid traffic and parking hassles.

### Friday:

0700 Buses Depart Westin/Holiday Inn Express to Renditions Golf Course and Return at approx. 1300

1000-1530 Continuous Shuttle Service from Westin and Holiday Inn to Alumni Hall (Shuttles leave every 30 minutes and connect to mini-buses which shuttle within the Yard.)

1715-1730 After the Formal Parade, buses will leave Alumni Hall returning to Westin/Holiday Inn

*\*\*Buses will NOT run from 1530-1715 due to formal parade. We recommend leaving at least an hour to get from hotels to events in the Yard and getting to the Yard by 1330 for Sup's Brief and Parade if you plan on attending.*

1630 Bus departs Holiday Inn Express, stops at Westin Hotel en route to Pusser's Bar, Marriott Waterfront.

1730 Bus Departs Holiday Inn Express, stops at Westin Hotel en route to Pusser's Bar, Marriott Waterfront

1830-1930 Buses Depart Holiday Inn/Westin Hotel for Class Dinner

1830-1900 Buses Depart Annapolis Marriott Waterfront for Class Dinner

1830 **Limited** Water Taxi transport from Pusser's to Class Dinner

2130-2300 Buses depart Class Dinner for hotels or downtown Annapolis

2400 Final bus leaves Marriott Waterfront for Westin/Holiday Inn

### Saturday:

1115 \*\*\*First Shuttle from Holiday Inn to Tailgate. RECOMMENDED you take this shuttle to arrive for start of tailgate due to traffic\*\*\*

1130 \*\*\*First Shuttle from Westin Hotel to Tailgate. RECOMMENDED you take this shuttle to arrive for start of tailgate due to traffic\*\*\* (Westin Hotel is a short walk to the tailgate, get a good thirst.)

1130-2100 Continuous shuttle service to/from hotels and stadium. Pick-ups after game from '53 Pavilion until traffic clears, then Taylor Avenue

### Sunday:

0815-1300 Continuous shuttles from Holiday Inn/Westin to and from USNA Chapel for Sunday Services and Mid store shopping.

## **Event Information:**

### **Thursday Kickoff Party at Fado's Irish Pub, 1900-2200 or later:**

Fado's is the Irish Pub directly across from the Westin Hotel front entrance. They have a nice menu and a full selection of beers and drinks. There is a large inside area and an outside patio. I might also recommend Carpaccio's Italian Restaurant next door if you like Italian food and then venture to Fado's after dinner. Their staff is prepared for our arrival and they have added live entertainment for the evening. We do not have exclusive use of the bar, but the staff is reserving a large area for our class. If you did not sign up in advance for this event, please come anyway as it is pay-as-you-go and there is plenty of room.

### **Friday Golf Outing to Renditions Golf Course, Friday 0700-1300:**

Buses will depart following the schedule on transportation plan. Upon arrival you can grab a bite at the lounge and we will shotgun start at 0800. If you signed up for a specific group, I have tried to honor that, otherwise, we will pair people up randomly. The format is a Texas Scramble that is best ball off the tee of 4 shots and then each player playing his own ball. We will have contests for closest to a par 3 pin, longest drive, and best overall score. A cookout lunch will be served after we play we then return to the hotels. Payment at the club will be the responsibility of each player; they accept cash, checks (preferred!) and credit cards for the \$100 fee for golf and lunch.

### **Memorial Service, Friday 1130-1230:**

At 1130 at the Main Chapel we will memorialize our fallen classmates. The Service is being put on by volunteers from our class.

### **Superintendent's Briefing, Friday 1400-1500 Alumni Hall:**

Vice Admiral Michael Miller '74 will address the Classes attending reunions and parents attending parents weekend. There will be short Q&A session following his address.

### **Dress Parade, 1600-1700 Worden Field:**

Our Class will receive recognition during this event with the Class President as a reviewing officer. Seating is limited so we suggest you get a seat early. Buses will depart after the parade from Alumni Hall so you can return and get changed for the Class Dinner. Dinner Shuttles start at 1830 from the hotels.

**“Island” Dinner Party at Bembe Beach, 1900-2300:**

The bar opens at 1900 with light hors d'oeuvres and dinner service begins (buffet style) at around 2000. We will conduct a short “state of the class” brief before dinner and will have live music followed by a DJ. The menu consists of seafoods and meats prepared “island style”, there will be desserts and coffee served later in the evening. Bring your cameras because we have one of the best views of the Chesapeake Bay and the Bay Bridge in all of Annapolis. We also have a small private beach to relax after dinner for a night cap. We ask that men wear dress slacks and a golf or Hawaiian shirt and women wear like appropriate attire (flat shoes are recommended). Our Benefit Silent Auction will take place all evening.

**Class of 1985 Tailgate “Campus”, Saturday 1200-Game’s end + 1 hr. Sponsored by The Boeing Corp.:**

The weekend’s signature event, as always. We have a large tailgate campus situated adjacent to Taylor Avenue and the brigade march-on walk way. There will be a raw bar from 1230-1400, a full menu of great hot sandwiches, kids’ food and sides from 1300-1500, and a lighter fare food afterwards, 2 large full service bar areas, the Rovers performing from 1300-1500, the Mids marching by at 1445, the “Class of 1985 Motor Scooter” drawing at 1430 and other “special” surprises throughout the day.

**Farewell Brunch in the Westin Hotel Ballroom, Sunday 0900-1200:**

We have the a la carte Sunday Brunch service available with open seating for our class. The cost is \$15.00 per person and is a full brunch menu served buffet style.

**Photography:**

We have Ray Mitchell joining us at the Memorial Service, Dinner and Tailgate to take pictures and make reunion booklets as well. Class photo on Chapel steps after the Memorial Service. He will have all the information of his services available at those events. He will also be taking a Class Photo at the Memorial Service on Friday.

### **Benefit Silent Auction:**

To help raise money for the Class of 1985 Memorial Fund, we have chosen to conduct a silent auction at the dinner on Friday Evening. If you are not attending the dinner and want to proxy bid, we will have forms available at the registration desk and at Fado's along with a full listing and description of the many donated items we have received. Your bid will be added to the bid list 15 minutes prior the bid closings. If you win, you need not be present as we will bill you for your item and get it to you in person at the tailgate or in the mail. We will accept credit cards, cash, checks or IOU's (we will bill within 30 days of the reunion). These are some exceptional items and we have tried to have a little something for everyone no matter where you live. A few of the items include a private dinner party for 6 prepared in your home, vacation houses and condos from Nagg's Head to Lake Tahoe. Golf outings, hotel packages, corporate outings, dinner packages, autographed Navy game balls, merchandise, sports tickets and much more. We will keep a current list at [www.usna85.com](http://www.usna85.com). Bring your check books you will want to take one of these great items home.

### **Class of 1985 Scooter Drawing:**

To raise money, we will also be auctioning off a sexy new Class of '85 motor scooter, 1430 at the Class Tailgate Party. The winner will **HAVE** to be present to win and will have 15 minutes to claim the prize after the initial drawing or we will draw again until someone wins. If you live out of town, we will pay to ship the scooter to your house. This is a great item for your teenager to cruise your neighborhood or your college student to scoot around campus (unless they are a Mid). Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased with cash throughout the weekend. You will want to take a chance on this very COOL prize.



UPS and Boeing proudly welcome back the USNA  
Class of 1985.

Congratulations on 25 great years of service and  
counting!

