



# Class of 79 News

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(From 7/7/2017)

Greetings Class of 1979,

Today's message is brought to you by Dave Fleenor of 32nd Company who expressed the thought of the day better than I could. Thanks Dave – and congratulations to us all!

Unless my memory has completely failed (a distinct possibility), 42 years ago today I walked through Gate 1, hugged my mom and walked into Halsey Field House. Everyone was pleasant until I got on the other side of the door. Longest day of my life. Would not have survived except for the rest of you guys. Thanks.

Dave Fleenor '79

(From 7/31/2017)

Greetings classmates!

Is it just me, or was July just a blur? Time keeps on slippin' (slippin') into the future.

We are now entering August, and despite it too having 31 days, I suspect it may fly by as well. The big event everyone is talking about will be on August 21st when much of the USA will experience a Solar Eclipse, with a big swatch getting the rare Total Eclipse that should be spectacular. May your August 21st be cloud free!

The Class of 1979 has no official role in planning or executing this eclipse, though many

in the path of totality are sure to enjoy it. I believe where I am in Northern Virginia we will only get about 75 or 80 percent of totality, but it will at last break up an otherwise regular old day at the office.

So, with not much on the class front to report for the start of August, let's turn to the upcoming Navy Football Season. Yes Classmates, it will soon be time to pull out those Navy shirts, prepare a themed food dish to share (Themes to be provided next month by Valerie), pack the cooler and chairs, and come on down to Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis for some exciting Navy Football. The football schedule is posted elsewhere in this newsletter, so those of you in the Annapolis area (which stretches roughly to Philadelphia to the north, Raleigh-Durham to the south, and Lake Frederick, VA to the west) please check the schedule and try to make at least one game. Those living within 120 miles of an "Away Game" locale should get tickets at 1-800-US4-NAVY to attend that game.

As always, for the Home Game 1530 Kickoffs, the 79er Tailgate Team will set up around 1100 on game day at Tailgate Spot Three located on the GOLD (Visitor) Side of NMCMS Parking immediately behind the Anne Arundel County Courthouse building, which is on Rowe Blvd near Taylor Avenue.

You must have a Perimeter Parking Pass, Space Three, to park at the physical Tailgate spot. If you do not have one, you need a pre-paid Parking Pass to park elsewhere at the stadium, but there are plenty of options if you don't have a pass, including parking nearby at several private lots, parking at a nearby area school, or parking at a Commuter Lot and taking a bus in.

Details on these options can be found online at NavySports.com.

If you are joining us, bring your own beverages and a dish to share. If you are coming from a long distance that makes this impractical, please ask one of the regulars to help you out BEFORE heading to the game. There is never a fear of running out of food, so don't worry about that. Do not take beverages that are not yours unless offered.

Bring your own chairs to set up in the seating area. If you didn't bring a chair, please ask before sitting in someone else's seat or be prepared to move if the owner wants it.

Keep the Tailgate area clean by using the Trash Cans, picking up after yourself, and helping out if the wind blows that bag of chips off the table.

Half-Time Cooler. A cooler or two are set up at the Tailgate marked "Half-Time Cooler." Prior to the game, anyone who wants to participate in the half-time Tailgate at the 79er Admiral's Row spaces (Close to Gates M or N on the GOLD side) can place their beverages in for consumption during half-time of the Football Game. The Half-time cooler is stocked by those wanting that beverage at half-time. It is NOT the COMMUNITY COOLER for anyone who neglected to bring beer to the game.

So plan now and get your tickets and we look forward to seeing you all sometime this Fall.

Until then, remember these inspirational words from John Paul Jones:

"Sign on, young man, and sail with me. The stature of our homeland is no more than the measure of ourselves. Our job is to keep her free. Our will is to keep the torch of freedom burning for all. To this solemn purpose we call on the young, the brave, the strong, and the free. Heed my call. Come to the sea. Come sail with me."

BEAT ARMY!  
Omnes Viri 1979!  
Sean

## [NAVY FOOTBALL 2017](#)

Here's the Navy Football schedule for this fall:

2017-2018 SCHEDULE						
	Overall	Conf.	Home	Away	Neutral	
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Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result	Media		
09/02/17	at Florida Atlantic	Boca Raton, Fla.	TBA	TV: TBA	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK	<a href="#">MORE</a>
09/09/17	vs. Tulane*	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m. ET	TV: <a href="#">ESPN2</a>	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK	<a href="#">MORE</a>
09/23/17	vs. Cincinnati*	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m. ET	TV: <a href="#">ESPN2</a>	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK	<a href="#">MORE</a>
09/30/17	at Tulsa*	Tulsa, Okla.	TBA	TV: TBA	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK	<a href="#">MORE</a>
10/07/17	vs. Air Force	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m. ET	TV: <a href="#">ESPN2</a>	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK	<a href="#">MORE</a>
10/14/17	at Memphis*	Memphis, Tenn.	TBA	TV: TBA	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK	<a href="#">MORE</a>
10/21/17	vs. UCF	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m. ET	TV: <a href="#">ESPN2</a>	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK	<a href="#">MORE</a>
11/03/17	at Temple*	Temple	TBA	TV: ESPN OR ESPN2	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK	<a href="#">MORE</a>
11/11/17	vs. SMU*	Annapolis, Md.	3:30 p.m. ET	TV: <a href="#">ESPN2</a>	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK	<a href="#">MORE</a>
11/18/17	at Notre Dame	Notre Dame, Ind.	TBA	TV: <a href="#">ABC</a>	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK	<a href="#">MORE</a>
11/24/17	at Houston*	Houston, Texas	TBA	TV: ABC OR ESPN FAMILY OF NETWORKS	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK	<a href="#">MORE</a>
12/02/17	AAC Championship Game	TBA	TBA	TV: ABC OR ESPN	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK	<a href="#">MORE</a>
12/09/17	vs. Army West Point	Lincoln Financial Field	3:00 p.m. ET	TV: <a href="#">ESPN SportsCenter</a>	RADIO: NAVY RADIO NETWORK / WESTWOOD ONE	<a href="#">MORE</a>

**Schedule Key**  
■ Home Event  
□ Away Event  
\* Conference Event

Go Navy! Only a month away! I have season tickets this year. See you all there!

Go Navy! Beat FAU! And Tulane!

## [INDUCTION DAY FOR CLASS OF 2021](#)



The weather was uncharacteristically wonderful, but the plebes and parents were just as nervous as always. [Induction Day 2017](#) went off as planned, even with the addition of luggage dollies. View our [Facebook photo album](#) and keep track of all the Plebe Summer fun with our [photo program](#) (for Alumni Association members only) with pictures of plebes being uploaded all summer long.

## ARE YOU THE OLDEST ENSIGN IN THE NAVY?



If you wonder where your *Shipmate* magazine is or wish people would stop calling you Lieutenant when you made admiral three years ago, it might be time to spruce up your alumni profile. [Log in and update today](#). You can now include a photo of your choice, view your class's fundraising reports and choose the emails you want to receive.

[NOTE: This goes for the 79er Database, too. 😊]

## CNO ADM RICHARDSON '82 BRINGS AT-SEA RELOADING BACK



“It is of the utmost importance that the U.S. Navy of 2017 not repeat the mistakes of the Navy of the 1930s by failing to resource and prepare for the strategic logistical challenges of a high-intensity war fought by American ships and planes forward-deployed on the far side of the world. [Relearning how to reload vertical launch systems](#) away from established ports and preparing to adaptively base in remote anchorages are essential first steps in this effort ... ”

## COACH KEN SHARES HIS FOUR PERSPECTIVES ON AMERICA



Ken Niumatalolo, the head coach of Navy Football, [recently spoke to a crowd at Brigham Young University](#) about the perspectives he has about his country and how they were inspired: by his family serving in the armed forces, his children, a new granddaughter and the midshipmen who “are going to protect my family and children.”

## SACC IN SAN DIEGO



Considering a career transition? Mulling over a post-graduate degree? Attend the Service Academy Career Conference [in San Diego, CA](#), on 14-15 August. Regardless of your rank or level of expertise, SACC is a great forum to meet with graduate schools and companies encompassing a broad range of industries.

[NOTE: I will be there as part of the USNA volunteers. If you attend, look for me and say Hi!]

## CARRIERS TO GO ON A DIET?



Lightening one's load is never a bad idea. The same is true of the massive aircraft carrier. Light carriers were used up until the end of the Cold War, but they weren't "light," they were just suddenly dwarfed by the supercarriers. [This concept of making a lighter carrier](#), backed by politicians like Senator John McCain III '58, would save millions in building and operational costs and be more functional, albeit with fewer planes.

## NEW LEADERSHIP INNOVATION LAB AT USNA



A \$1 million gift from aerospace leader Boeing will support the creation of the Boeing Leadership Innovation Lab at the United States Naval Academy. The Lab, part of the Academy's Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, will fuse thought and experimentation to determine how to strengthen, individualize and accelerate the leadership development process, creating an environment where military, government, corporate, educational, athletic and non-profit organizations come to learn how the Academy delivers the most comprehensive, creative and effective leadership development program in the world.

"The Naval Academy's Boeing Leadership Innovation Lab is unique in its focus on the

development of emerging leaders who will operate in highly complex, volatile and dangerous environments," said John Rudder '78, vice president at the Naval Academy Foundation, which raises all private funds in support of the Naval Academy. "No other institution is taking on this type of commitment to create the leadership development tools, techniques and concepts needed for these leaders. This effort has the potential to be transformational, not only for the Naval Academy and the Department of Defense, but other organizations who are committed to strengthening and accelerating the leadership development process for their own leaders. We are deeply grateful for Boeing's investment in this critical component not only of midshipman education, but also of the Naval Academy's contributions to broader discussions of leadership at the national level."



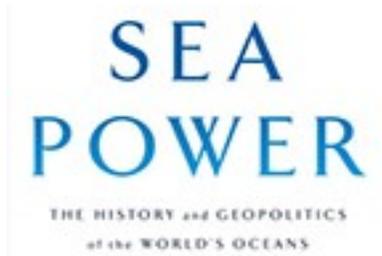
Boeing has been a longtime partner of the Naval Academy Foundation in support of a number of the Naval Academy's strategic priorities, most notably admissions outreach efforts in the communities surrounding the company's headquarters in Chicago.

"It's an honor to be partnered with the Naval Academy in its commitment to a tailored, innovative approach to leadership development," said Leanne Caret, CEO of Boeing Defense, Space & Security. "This lab will empower the next generation of our nation's leaders – I'm proud Boeing is a part of that."

Boeing's support for the Leadership Innovation Lab will unfold over five years, beginning with providing the funds needed to develop the initial concept for the lab,

continuing with the hiring of a dedicated Boeing Leadership Innovation Lab director, identifying other strategic partners, then providing for the development of a strategic plan for the lab and the launch of initial symposia and other programs.

## WHY OCEANS MATTER IN POLITICS



### **Stavridis' Book 'Sea Power' Explains Why Oceans Matter In Global Politics**

Steve Inskeep talks to retired Admiral James Stavridis, former supreme allied commander for NATO, about his new book: Sea Power: The History and Geopolitics of the World's Oceans.

And I'm Steve Inskeep with some of the History of Our Time. We're discussing big trends that shape our unsettling moment. Last week, for example, writer Richard Reeves described the growing privilege of the upper middle class.

(SOUNDBITE OF ARCHIVED BROADCAST)

RICHARD REEVES: And the fact that they are not only separate from the rest of society but unaware of the degree to which the system works in their favor strikes me as one of the most dangerous political facts of all time.

INSKEEP: We've also heard of the rise of nationalism and threats to liberal democracy. And this morning, we go to sea. Retired Admiral James Stavridis has

spent almost 11 years of his life at sea as part of the world's most powerful navy, the U.S. Navy. In a new book, he vividly describes the view from the helm of a ship.

JAMES STAVRIDIS: It's an office with the best view in the world. And you know what you see when you look out the bridge of a ship? You see eternity.

INSKEEP: There would be a temptation to think that it's unchanging and dull. Does it ever get dull?

STAVRIDIS: Never. The oceans are constantly changing. And you have to remember the oceans are dangerous. They'll kill you in a minute.

INSKEEP: The waters are dangerous. The weather is dangerous. Strategically, the oceans can also be dangerous. Admiral Stavridis' book "Sea Power" argues that the oceans continue to matter in global politics.

Now, when we talked, I told Admiral Stavridis it's tempting to think of sea power as an artifact of the past. You know, we think of the Spanish Armada being defeated or the battles of World War II or the sea lanes that once connected Europe to its colonies in past centuries.

I get the importance of sea power then, but what is it now?

STAVRIDIS: First and foremost, it's international trade. Ninety-five percent of the world's trade moves across the oceans. Secondly, there are still nations contending. In fact, I'd point to two very hot spot parts of the world today.

One is the eastern Mediterranean, where the United States and Russia are jostling. And the other, most obviously, is the South China Sea, where China makes extravagant claims of territoriality. And it

is another manifestation of the importance of the oceans.

INSKEEP: We better explain each of those situations you described. You said the eastern Mediterranean. You're reminding me that Russia is deeply involved in the war in Syria. And people say the reason for that is Russia happens to have a Mediterranean Sea naval base on the coast of Syria.

STAVRIDIS: They do, owned and operated by the Russians on the territory of the dictator Assad. They are very covetous of that strategic asset. First, it gives them influence by presence. Secondly, there's real military utility. The Russians have launched strikes from that area, much as we used a Tomahawk missile against Syria a few weeks back.

And thirdly, it allows them to train and exercise with other nations who are in that region, and that increases their military influence.

INSKEEP: How has it affected American history that for the last couple of generations or a little more, the United States has had the world's most powerful navy by far?

STAVRIDIS: It's been enormously helpful. The nation that profits the most from a peaceful global commons, from oceans upon which 50,000 ships can sail in a given day moving cargo, is the United States. That trade, that ability to be part of a global system benefits us enormously.

But the rise, again, of the Russian and Chinese navies is significant and over time will allow them potentially to constrain those sea lanes of communication.

INSKEEP: What's the Chinese navy like?

STAVRIDIS: Let's go back 20 years ago. The wall is falling down - the Berlin Wall.

China at this point is really a coastal navy. Twenty years on, they've been adding to their fleet 10, 15 percent per year. Their ships are becoming much more capable. They're now ranging into the deep Pacific. So this is a significant geopolitical turn that's occurring in front of us.

INSKEEP: And I guess if we think about them turning submerged reefs, building them up to become airstrips in the middle of the South China Sea, that's an unsinkable aircraft carrier.

STAVRIDIS: Exactly. They have tens of thousands of acres they have developed in the South China Sea. And it allows them under international law to make claim to the entire South China Sea, and that is their real objective.

INSKEEP: What is the United States getting, or what would the United States get by keeping China from dominating the South China Sea?

STAVRIDIS: We would get a network of allies, partners and friends, all of us working together in order to ensure we have a vibrant democratic human rights-oriented region of the world.

INSKEEP: How has American strategic thinking changed now that there's less and less ice on top of the Earth?

STAVRIDIS: I mentioned those two tactical hotspots, the eastern Mediterranean and the South China Sea. The strategic hotspot is going to be the Arctic, where the ice is melting rapidly. It will open up shipping lanes. It will fuel territorial disputes.

So as that ice breaks up, this becomes a treasure trove of resources, of shipping lanes, of fragile ecological area. For all those reasons, this Arctic Sea may be the

most important geostrategic zone of competition in the coming decades.

INSKEEP: Can you take us back out to sea for a moment here?

STAVRIDIS: Sure.

INSKEEP: Because I'm thinking about a passage in which you write of your first time heading into Pearl Harbor, where you were in charge of docking the ship.

STAVRIDIS: (Laughter) Yeah. I had many adventures developing myself as a ship handler. Admiral Ernest King, who was a classic crusty old World War II admiral, once said that the mark of a great ship handler is never getting in a situation that requires great ship handling skills.

What he meant was don't take chances with the ship. Be very steady. Use tugs to help you maneuver. I was very impulsive as a ship handler as a young man and managed to bang my ship pretty hard on the pier any number of times. As people always say about Admiral Stavridis, it's one thing that he made admiral, we just can't figure out how he made captain.

INSKEEP: (Laughter) And this happened to you in Pearl Harbor? You could have ordered up a tugboat to help you get into the...

STAVRIDIS: Sure.

INSKEEP: So I thought about that phrase - the mark of a great ship handler is not getting in a situation where you need great ship handling - and I wondered if it was a sort of metaphor. Do you need to think on a strategic level that way?

STAVRIDIS: You do. As I look at America in today's environment, we need to avoid that tendency to be overly impulsive. We need to work with our allies and friends. The allies are the tugboats of

this metaphor. You don't have to operate unilaterally in the world. It's a powerful metaphor for almost everything in life.

INSKEEP: Retired U.S. Navy Admiral James Stavridis is the author of "Sea Power: The History And Geopolitics Of The World's Oceans." Thanks very much.

STAVRIDIS: Thanks, Steve.

INSKEEP: And that's some of the History of Our Time. You can find more talks in the series at npr.org.

### [USNA 79er DATABASE, ETC.](#)



1 – [Welcome to the Area / Newsletter](#) –  
New additions this month include: None.

Updates include: Andy Adamshick, Tom Brandl.

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