



Class of 79 News

August-September 2018

Omnes Viri News

Sorry for no newsletter for August. I didn't get much inputs. I'm going for a combined one this month. Thanks, Kirk

PREZ SEZ

FROM August 10th:

Greetings Classmates,

I need to pass along a few nuggets of gouge, so please give this message your attention.

OK, the Navy – Notre Dame football game in San Diego on October 27th and this gouge may apply to you even if you are not going to the game. The Class of 1979 is hoping to hold a brief mini-reunion around the game weekend, so here is the tentative plan. The USNA Alumni Association and SD Chapter are planning several events that we will play off. On Friday night they will be holding a Pep Rally at the USS MIDWAY on Broadway Pier followed by a dinner. Any 79er in SoCal, even if you are not going to the game, should try to join us Friday evening after the Pep Rally from 1930 to 2200 at a downtown venue TBD. This casual gathering will probably feature heavy hors d'ourves and cash bar. My SD classmate contact working this needs to get an estimate on numbers. So – please let me know if you, spouse, guests would attend this 79er Gathering and I'll pass him the numbers. There are already a couple of 79er groups gathering in SD, including 36th Company, so this will put us all in the same place.

Then on Saturday (Game Day) the USNAAA and SD Chapter will host a pre-game Tailgater in the Stadium Parking Lot. Tickets for that are on sale now, and on August 20 they will go up in price, so act now. Any group that wants to put together a Table of 10 can do so at an extra cost (Inside tables are sold out, so only outdoor tables are available.). To register, go to www.usna.com and find the USNA Football Schedule and Tailgates story. Click on Continue Reading, then go to the Notre Dame Game and click on it. Click on Registration now open and log in and order your tickets. Current cost is \$65 for adults.

OK -I do have another thing or two to pass along. There will be a good 79er presence for the game at Hawaii on September 1. We are doing several things that Valerie Gerheiser has coordinated. If you still owe her money, get that paid off ASAP.

The Class Tailgate will be open around noon time for each of the five home games this season. We are still located on the outer GOLD Visitor (Paved) Parking lot, right behind the Courthouse Bldg on Rowe Blvd. All 79ers and guests are welcome.

Finally – does anybody need a new 79er Ball Cap? I have a limited number from our last Reunion for sale at \$20. Let me know. I can even bring a few to Hawaii if those classmates need one.

Beat Hawaii!

Beat Notre Dame!

BEAT ARMY!!!

Omnes Viri 79,

Sean

79er TAILGATES

'79 Tailgaters-

Navy opens their season on Saturday, September 1st with an away game vs Hawaii. There is a '79 group going that will represent the class well! Going to be a very late night for you on the east coast with game kick-off at 11pm. I expect everyone one to stay awake and cheer on the Navy team!

Home Football Games- Starts Saturday, September 8th

Our tailgate area remains the same for this season. We are located in spot #3 on the Gold Side near the Courthouse. Kick-off for all home games is set for 3:30pm. We usually start setting up for the class tailgater around 11am.

We are in need for tents to be set up for the food area. If you have one, please bring it. We could use 4 tents.

If you have a table, please bring it with you as well. We usually have 3-4 tables for food (sometimes we need more) and any extras can be used back on the walking path for dining. Fred will be bringing the generator for crock pots and warming trays.

Please bring at least one dish (appetizer, main entree, side or dessert) to the tailgater share. I know it is a challenge for some, but we can't rely on the regular attendees to serve all. Items don't have to be homemade or even with the theme. Store bought is acceptable.

Also, bring your own drinks and chairs.

Remember that you don't have to stay with the theme. It only serves as a guideline. As an example, Chuck's Amaretto Cake goes with all themes and is mandatory at every tailgater. Any dish, dessert and/or shot is welcome!

Here are the much-anticipated themes for the 2018 Tailgater season:

Sept. 8th vs Memphis- Barbecue & Bourbon Blowout!

Brisket, Pulled Pork, Ribs with all the Southern Sides. All popular Gin Bucket too!

Bourbon Tasting: bring your favorite bottle for everyone to have a taste (shot glasses provided).

Sept. 15th vs Lehigh- Margaritaville: Cheeseburgers in Paradise

Cheeseburgers, Shrimp & Key Lime Pie. Don't forget the Margaritas with plenty of Tequila!

One Tequila, Two Tequila, Three Tequila...Navy Score!

Oct. 13th vs Temple- Crockpot Madness!

Mains, Sides, Desserts & Drinks...Use Your Imagination (or Pinterest).

Oct. 20th vs Houston- Oktoberfest

Brats, Sauerkraut or your Favorite Fall Dish. Pumpkin and Spiked Cider too!

Nov. 17th vs Tulsa- 11th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Competition On! Not a Chili Champion, please bring a Side Dish and or Dessert.

Halftime Cooler

The Kruegers will again be hosting the halftime tailgater in the Admiral's Row parking area on the gold side, space 572 just

outside Gate M. A halftime cooler will be at the class tailgater site for you to place your halftime spirits in. The cooler is labeled with a '79 class crest. Any beverages not picked up after the game will be marked with a blue tape and made available to all at the next game! Cooler will be available at the class pre-game tailgater all season.

Home Parking Info from NAAA

Season tickets should be mailed out. If you purchased perimeter parking passes, it should be included with your game tickets. Call NAAA if there is an issue.

Navy vs Army (Lincoln Field/ Philadelphia) December 8th

Game kick-off is 3pm. Information regarding the "tailgater" will be sent at a later date.

Future '79 Road Trips

Navy vs Notre Dame- October 27, 2018 in San Diego. An excuse to head to the west coast! Not sure if anyone is taking a lead on any class activities. Fred and I are not attending so I don't know of any plans.

Looking forward to seeing everyone and catching up after the long off-season. Keep positive thoughts for a dry, cool tailgating season. I'll keep you updated with any changes and/or additions to this email. Feel free to forward this email on to any fellow '79er's. Have them email me to be added to the group list. If you have any changes or preferences in the email I use for you, please let me know to make the changes.

Go Navy!

~Valerie

NAVY FOOTBALL 2018

(same as last month)

Are you ready for some football? Football starts this Saturday. Go Navy! Beat Hawaii!

Here's a bigger version of our schedule for your information (home games highlighted in gold). Go Navy! Beat Everyone! The Commander-in-Chief's Trophy comes home this year!

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| 09/01/18 |  at Hawaii'i | Honolulu, Hawaii | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More | |
| 09/08/18 |  Memphis * | vs. | Annapolis, Md. | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More |
| 09/15/18 |  Lehigh | vs. | Annapolis, Md. | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More |
| 09/22/18 |  at SMU * | Dallas, Texas | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More | |
| 10/06/18 |  at Air Force | Colorado Springs, Colo. | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More | |
| 10/13/18 |  Temple * | vs. | Annapolis, Md. | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More |
| 10/20/18 |  Houston * | vs. | Annapolis, Md. | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More |
| 10/27/18 |  Notre Dame | San Diego, Calif. (SDCCU Stadium) | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More | |

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| 11/03/18 |  | Cincinnati, Ohio | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More |
| | at Cincinnati * | | | | |
| 11/10/18 |  | Orlando, Fla. | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More |
| | at UCF * | | | | |
| vs. | | | | | |
| 11/17/18 |  | Annapolis, Md. | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More |
| | Tulsa * | | | | |
| 11/24/18 |  | New Orleans, La. | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More |
| | at Tulane * | | | | |
| 12/01/18 | American Athletic Conference Championship Game | TBA | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More |
| 12/08/18 |  | Philadelphia, Pa. (Lincoln Financial Field) | TBA | TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network | More |
| | at Army West Point | | | | |

[LAST 79er STANDING](#)

Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, United States Marine Corps, retired on August 30th after over 39 years of service.

(From Dave Bethel) 7 July 1975 – 1334 plebes; 30 May 1979 – 994 grads. Bob was our last classmate still in uniform. In the picture are members of the Class of '79 at his retirement.



Congratulations Bob on a successful career in the Marine Corps! You did our country proud!

[JA AWARD NAMED FOR STEVE & LIZ SMITH](#)

Everyone knows I include a section for the walk-a-thon for Juvenile Arthritis (JA) in the spring for Steve Smith. Steve and Liz have done a lot for the JA Program. As a result, the JA Organization recognized them by naming an award after them. Here's the information from Steve Smith:

“We would like to thank everyone who supported the Walk to Cure Arthritis again this year.”

“Now about the award that Liz and I received from the Arthritis Foundation. We were very flattered to receive the Steve and Liz Smith JA Conference Legacy Award. Here is something I found on the AF website that sums it up.”

“For the first time this year, a special award was presented to – and named in honor of – Steve and Liz Smith for their 20 years of volunteer service to the JA Conference and JA community. The Steve and Liz Smith JA Conference Legacy Award will be awarded annually to the parent or parents who have made a lasting impact on the Arthritis Foundation and the JA community through their involvement in the JA Conference.”

Congrats to Steve and Liz! We all know your work was/is a labor of love.

COULD YOUR CLASSMATE BE A DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE?



If you have a living classmate whose contributions and achievements truly embody the Naval Academy mission, now is the time to nominate him or her for our Distinguished Graduate Award. We will accept nominations through 22 October. [Click here for the eligibility and packet guidelines.](#)

SHORTFALLS IN JO's



A review conducted by senior U.S. surface fleet leaders found significant concerns with the ship handling skills of nearly [85 percent of junior officers](#). VADM Richard Brown '85, USN, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, says that changes are already under way and that the Navy is serious about self-assessment and improvement.

MCCAIN '58 AND MORAN '81: SURFACE REFORMS



“As we have seen too often in recent months, the significant shortcomings in our Navy’s readiness can have disastrous results,” McCain said last winter. Since then, a series of reforms have been identified and [111 areas of improvement](#) were found by the Navy via a group led by Vice Chief of Naval Operations ADM Bill Moran '81, USN. Requested reforms [include the YPs](#).

NEW MCCAIN '58 BOOK



In his new book, *The Restless Wave*, the Honorable John McCain '58 recommends retaliating against Russia via cyber attack for their meddling in our last election, “to make Putin deeply regret his assault on the foundation of our democracy—free and fair elections. We have cyber capabilities too. They should be used to expose the epic scale of [Putin’s] regime’s corruption.”

SUPE LETTER TO CAPITAL GAZETTE



Here Is USNA Admiral's Letter to Capital Gazette After Deadly Shooting

The Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy reached out to the staff of the Capital Gazette newspaper in Annapolis Friday, offering condolences following a horrific newsroom shooting Thursday that left five dead and more badly injured. The small city of Annapolis is home to the Naval Academy, and officials were quick to offer support as news broke.

"The Capital Gazette is our local newspaper and is often the first to tell our story," the academy's official account tweeted Thursday afternoon. "We are grieving with their staff and loved ones after the tragic events that occurred today."

Vice Adm. Ted Carter reached out to Gazette editor Rick Hutzell in a letter on Naval Academy letterhead, dated Friday. The letter was shared on the Gazette and Naval Academy Twitter accounts.



Mr. Hutzell,

On behalf of the entire Naval Academy family, I extend our deepest sympathies for the tragedy that all of you at the Capital Gazette experienced yesterday.

Like many others, we grieve the senseless loss of Rob Hiaasen, Wendi Winters, Gerald Fischman, John McNamara and Rebecca Smith. Our hearts and prayers are with you, your staff and their families during this difficult time.

We are all Annapolitans and the Capital Gazette is "our paper," and when tragic events like this happen they affect us all. We are standing by to assist you in any way that we can.

Sincerely,


Ted Carter
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

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The shooting took place around 2:40 p.m. Thursday. The suspect, now in custody, is a 38-year-old man who had a years-long grudge against the paper and had previously filed a defamation lawsuit against it in 2012. The courts ultimately ruled in favor of the Gazette.

A Gazette photographer had begun the day at the Naval Academy on the day of the shooting, taking pictures of the induction of the newest class, according to reports from the paper. The anecdote highlights the close and regular interaction between the two institutions.

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RUSSIAN SUBMARINE ACTIVITY

Carrier USS Harry S. Truman Operating in the Atlantic as Russian Submarine Activity is on the Rise



The aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) has left the Mediterranean Sea

and is now operating in the Atlantic Ocean, a defense official confirmed to USNI News. This week the carrier, the embarked Carrier Air Wing 1 and some of its escorts passed through the Strait of Gibraltar into the Atlantic after spending several days in port in Marseille, France.

“As a matter of longstanding policy, we do not discuss future operations, but I can tell you that the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group will continue to conduct operations in support of our NATO allies, European and African partner nations, coalition partners, and U.S. national security interests,” Cmdr. John Perkins, a spokesman with U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa, told USNI News. The move to the Atlantic is arguably a continued expression of two constituent themes in the Pentagon as of late: a return to great power competition outlined in new strategic planning documents, and the direction from Secretary of Defense James Mattis that U.S. forces need to be “strategically predictable and operationally unpredictable.”

In terms of great power competition, there is growing evidence that Russia continues to push its newest attack submarines to operate the North Atlantic at a pace not seen since the Cold War, Navy leaders have continued to stress publicly.

“Russian submarines are prowling the Atlantic, testing our defenses, confronting our command of the seas, and preparing the complex underwater battlespace to give them an edge in any future conflict,” current U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa commander Adm. James Foggo wrote in U.S. Naval Institute’s Proceedings in 2016. “Not only have Russia’s actions and capabilities increased in alarming and confrontational ways, its national-security policy is aimed at challenging the United States and its NATO allies and partners.”

Bryan Clark, a senior fellow at CSBA, said that carrier strike group operations in the Atlantic make sense for high-end exercises for the U.S. and partner nations. Both the U.K. Royal Navy and the French Navy field effective submarine forces that haven’t trained much lately with U.S. surface ships. “Our Atlantic coast guys need a chance to train against good submariners,” he said. “Either they’re doing it with the French or the British for training or for hope of finding a Russian submarine.”

For its part, the Truman Strike Group embarked with an extensive escort fleet that will include up to six guided-missile destroyers and the German Navy guided missile frigate FGS Hessen (F 221). Clark said the U.S. DDGs are equipped with an effective anti-submarine warfare packages that work well in the Atlantic but aren’t typically deployed there. “You have to make a special effort to put them there,” he said.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson has also alluded to an increased Russian submarine presence in public statements about the need for the Navy to operate differently in a new era.

“It’s an aspect of the security environment that it’s getting harder to do things without being observed, no matter where you are. So we’re going to have to be clever about that,” he told USNI News last month.

In line with the Mattis guidance, the Navy is using a so-called dynamic force employment model that in the last several months has broken from the traditional patterns of the last several years.

Earlier in June, the amphibious warship USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7) entered the Persian Gulf after a two-and-a-half-month gap of a capital ship in the region, while two other ships in the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group –

USS Oak Hill (LSD-51) and USS New York (LPD-21) – operated in the Baltic and Mediterranean seas, respectively.

“The Navy is making deliberate prioritization decisions in accordance with the [national defense strategy] which may disrupt the ‘business as usual’,” a Navy official told USNI News on Friday. “We must prioritize lethality, deterrence capability, training and readiness of the defined fighting unit, and will ensure the mission is met with the right capability and platform.”

While the Navy did not acknowledge Truman’s mission in the Atlantic, the move harkens back to an exercise from last year. On its return to Norfolk, Va., the George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group operated off of the U.K. as part of Saxon Warrior, an exercise with the U.K., Germany, Sweden and Norway. The exercise was the first in the series since 2011 and was in part prompted by Russian operations in the region, USNI News understands. However, the Truman carrier strike group is expected to continue its deployment for several more months.

NAVY ATHLETICS CUTTING COSTS TO ADDRESS BUDGET CRUNCH



Many employees of the Naval Academy Athletic Association have termed it a “budget crisis.”

Athletic director Chet Gladchuk has downplayed the situation, calling it a “course correction.”

What is not in doubt is that Navy athletics has undergone an unprecedented cost-cutting process over the last four to five months.

Both the men’s and women’s basketball head coaches have been told they cannot replace assistants who departed. Other jobs in the athletic department have been eliminated.

Varsity head coaches have been directed to earmark a percentage of summer camp proceeds to the Naval Academy Athletic Association and each sport’s budget was sliced by 15 percent. Retirement plans have been altered to reduce that line item expense.

The Capital spoke to more than a dozen current or former employees of the Naval Academy Athletic Association to paint an accurate picture of the budget. Multiple individuals who attended a mandatory meeting of all varsity head coaches have stated that Gladchuk cited a \$5 million deficit as reason for the belt-tightening. That figure was also included in a subsequent letter sent to select NAAA employees.

In an interview with The Capital, Gladchuk denied there was a deficit and spoke instead about a reduction of cash reserves. The 17th-year athletic director indicated the Naval Academy Athletic Association maintains a certain amount of funds for security purposes and a steady depletion of that account set off the alarm bells. “Our cash reserves had dwindled to the point we needed to address spending. It’s as simple as that,” Gladchuk said. “This is a normal exercise in business responsibility.”

We are merely going through a course correction.”

Gladchuk said the \$5 million figure referenced in the meeting and subsequent letter was a combination of a challenge to generate \$2.5 million in additional revenue and identify \$2.5 million in savings.

The budget review began during the 2017 fiscal year, which runs May through May for the Naval Academy Athletic Association. Gladchuk and Colleen Jordan, chief financial officer for NAAA, analyzed revenues and expenditures and concluded in January that reductions needed to be made to put the athletic department back on track. “In February we made the decision to take a long, hard look at everything to ensure the department was self-sustaining – as it needs to be,” Gladchuk said. “We must be absolutely certain that expenses aligned with revenue streams. Again, it’s a case of Business 101. You cannot spend more than you are taking in.”

The Naval Academy Athletic Association operates as a private, 501C3 non-profit organization with a stated objective to “promote, influence and assist in financing the athletic contests of the midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy.” Gladchuk explained that NAAA must basically be self-sufficient as it receives “a couple million” dollars from the U.S. government and a small amount of student fees collected by the Naval Academy. “We are a ship that must sail on its own bottom. Our charge is to generate enough revenue to cover our operational costs,” Gladchuk said.

Vice Admiral Walter “Ted” Carter, superintendent of the Naval Academy, supported the athletic association’s moves to trim costs.

“Like many organizations, NAAA continually evaluates its business model and

makes fiscal changes, when appropriate, to ensure it can continue to provide the Naval Academy with the exceptional athletic program support and services as it has for many years,” Carter said in a statement. “We remain confident in NAAA’s ability to fulfill its mission.”

In a January 2015 article in *The Capital*, Gladchuk said the annual operating budget for the Naval Academy Athletic Association was \$41 million with about 4 percent coming from federal funding. That story detailed an approaching agreement between the Naval Academy and the NAAA to reduce the amount of government money needed to support varsity sports programs. As a private entity, the Naval Academy Athletic Association does not fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Navy or the Naval Academy. However, past operating agreements gave the academy superintendent authority over NAAA activities.

Gladchuk has said in the past that NAAA employs some 200 people whose salaries are not dependent on any government funds. During the 2015 fiscal year, when the operating budget was \$41 million, Gladchuk said the NAAA generated \$3 million in profits. Money comes from television and radio agreements, corporate sponsorship, fundraising and ticket sales.

On June 22, Gladchuk said that expenses have outpaced revenues in recent years and therefore reduced the association’s cash reserves that had been built up over time. By cutting costs now, Gladchuk said he is being proactive rather than reactive in order to avoid a budget crisis. That assertion has been questioned by numerous members of the Naval Academy athletic department based off communications they have received from the longtime athletic director. “Change is never easy, it causes anxiety,” Gladchuk said in addressing such concerns.

“These people who are complaining need to get over it. That being said, I’m extremely grateful to all those who have worked so diligently to address this challenge.

Everyone has been willing to do their part.” Gladchuk emphasized that none of the cost-cutting measures will affect Navy’s ability to compete.

“There is absolutely no threat of jeopardizing the mission,” he said. “We continue to maintain an expect-to-win environment with all 33 varsity sports. Not one thing has changed with regard to the core of what we do and the quality experience of the midshipmen student-athletes.”

Gladchuk said cost-cutting for individual sports mostly involves logistics such as travel and operations. For instance, varsity head coaches have been instructed to schedule away games on a regional, rather than national, basis.

“We cannot have certain sports traveling out west as often as has been the case. That makes no sense,” Gladchuk said. “Instead of flying to California or some other far-flung locale, we need to play an opponent that can be reached by bus.”

Navy and the other major service academies – Army and Air Force – have long fielded more varsity sports than civilian Division I schools. That is largely done to meet the physical mission component of the Naval Academy that requires all midshipmen to participate in some form of exercise program.

In recent years, Navy added varsity sports, establishing women’s tennis, women’s lacrosse and women’s golf. Gladchuk was adamant that no varsity sports will be eliminated in order to reduce the overall athletic department budget.

“Read my lips: We are not cutting any sports. That is never going to happen on my watch,” Gladchuk said. “Bottom line, we don’t need to cut sports. We can continue to operate all 33 varsity programs in a very competitive manner by simply streamlining.”

Gladchuk repeatedly circled back to the concept of business accountability and responsibility.

“We are simply making certain that every single expense is justified,” Gladchuk said. “Navy athletics, like any organization, must operate on a sound business model. We cannot just maintain the status quo. We need to justify all money that is spent. If there is a way to save some dollars, by all means we should do so.”

As an example of rising costs, Gladchuk cited coaching salaries that almost never decrease. He said the Naval Academy Athletic Association pays its varsity head coaches “very competitively” and acknowledged that some are among the top earners in their sports.

“We have many head coaches that have enjoyed tremendous success and that leads to bonuses and raises,” Gladchuk said. “That is just one way the operating budget can get out of whack.”

Gladchuk acknowledged that some budget adjustments over the past four months are unique in Naval Academy Athletic Association history. However, he disputed the notion that such cost-cutting measures are unprecedented. In 2009, Gladchuk asked Barbara Brozen, senior associate athletic director for business affairs, to perform a thorough audit.

“We underwent the exact same exercise about 10 years ago. Barbara Brozen and I went through everything line by line and

identified several ways we could reduce costs," he said. "Frankly, we should probably be doing this more often than every 10 years. Most companies are constantly re-calibrating the way they do business."

Effects to basketball staffs

Perhaps the most notable budget cut that raised eyebrows among many in the Naval Academy athletic department was Gladchuk's decision to not replace basketball assistants.

Kendrick Saunders left the Navy men's program after six seasons to become head coach at Seton Hill University on April 18. Rebecca Tillett, associate head coach of the Navy women's program, was named head coach at Longwood on April 12.

Gladchuk told Navy men's head coach Ed DeChellis and women's head coach Stefanie Pemper they could not hire replacements at this time. That means both programs now have three full-time assistants.

Navy men's basketball has a fourth full-time staffer in Brandon Spayd, who holds a dual position as strength and conditioning coordinator and operations director.

By contrast, arch-rival Army has five full-time positions in men's and women's basketball. In addition to four assistants, the Black Knights programs also have a director of basketball operations.

Service academies are allowed one additional assistant as compared to Division I civilian schools. Bucknell, which captured the Patriot League championship in men's basketball, is limited to three full-time assistants, but head coach Nathan Davis has a fourth staffer handling basketball operations. The program is assigned a strength and conditioning coach.

"We have the full complement of assistant coaches under NCAA rules, which is three. However, the service academies have a coaching exception that allows for a fourth assistant," DeChellis said. "Unfortunately, we will not have the extra coach this season. Hopefully we will be able to fill the position next spring."

DeChellis admitted that one less assistant will hurt recruiting, scouting and game preparation, but said he will adjust in order to make the best of the situation.

"Our staff is committed to winning a Patriot League title and building off our 20-win season," DeChellis said. "It will require additional work by every member of the staff, but we will figure out a way to not let the recent reduction affect us."

American women's basketball, reigning Patriot League champion, has three full-time assistants along with a director of basketball operations. Navy women's basketball now has two fewer full-time positions than arch-rival Army.

Pemper is foremost among the Navy varsity head coaches who have maintained a consistent winning program. Navy women's basketball has a 197-122 record and captured three Patriot League championships during her 10 years.

"Over the past 20 years, basketball is a difficult sport to win conference championships in for all three Division I service academies, both men and women," said Pemper, referring roughly to the period when the Patriot League began allowing athletic scholarships. "The Navy and Army women have found a way in five of the past eight years and it's a reflection of resources, great players and experienced, hard-working staff. When I was hired, the program was given one additional assistant over what the

previous staff had and it made a big difference.”

Pemper said she gives her assistants plenty of responsibility and noted that five have been hired as head coaches. Pemper said she has offered to give up a portion of her salary in order to increase the salary of a quality assistant such as Tillett.

Navy volleyball provides an example of how success can be affected by resources. For years, the program had two full-time coaches who were government employees and taught physical education classes during the day. When Gladchuk hired Larry Bock to a civilian position as head coach and provided a pair of full-time assistants, Navy volleyball achieved the highest level of success in program history.

Navy has captured the President’s Cup as the most successful overall athletic program in the Patriot League for five straight years, an indication that Gladchuk has been providing competitive resources. Pemper, like all of Navy’s varsity head coaches, is hopeful that remains the case moving forward.

“There are lots of factors that go into winning and certainly none more important foundation-wise than resources and people,” Pemper said. “Obviously, the athletic director and head coaches understand this best because our jobs are sustained on winning.”

Gladchuk said the Navy Athletic Association has not imposed a hiring freeze and said replacing staff members will be made on a case-by-case basis. Gladchuk noted he has hired eight coaches in 2018, including three assistants in football along with head coaches in volleyball, squash and water polo.

Some department heads have been told they must cut one staff member. Sports information recently had a full-time staffer transfer to another department and replaced that individual with an intern.

Gladchuk added that several long-time NAAA employees are getting set to retire in the coming year and that could provide additional savings. More than likely, those staffers will be replaced by less experienced people with lower salaries.

Even camps on the hook
Just about every varsity head coach at the Naval Academy conducts camps during the summer in order to generate additional revenue. Most coaches use the camp money to supplement salaries, including those of assistants, and to purchase equipment. Technically, the Naval Academy Athletic Association owns all the various sports camps conducted on campus. However, the camps are organized and operated by the head coaches.

In the past, the NAAA took 30 percent of camp money. In February, Gladchuk announced an additional 25 percent of camp profits must go to the NAAA.

Gladchuk maintains that whatever the 25 percent winds up being will go into the operational budgets of each varsity sport. “All these camp programs have grown in a significant way and more revenue is being generated,” Gladchuk said.

Basically, this change means the Naval Academy Athletic Association is determining how an additional 25 percent of camp profits are spent as opposed to the respective sport head coach doing so. “We are merely making the budgeting process more efficient,” Gladchuk said. Bill Roberts, who just completed his 15th season as head coach of Navy men’s swimming, was among many who objected

to the Naval Academy Athletic Association imposing what has been deemed a “tariff.” Roberts, one of the few remaining varsity head coaches who is under a 10-month government contract, said the 30 percent of camp revenue already being paid to the NAAA was more than sufficient.

He noted that as camp director he must pay all operating costs and salaries, which includes payroll tax. Turning over an additional 25 percent is significant and not reflective of the time, effort and energy necessary to operate a successful camp, he said.

“I think there will be a significant impact on multiple levels. Any time we’re talking about making financial cuts, that is going to trickle down and impact the quality and safety of the camp,” Roberts said.

Roberts pointed out that varsity head coaches at Navy have spent years building their camps. They are now being left with 45 percent of revenue, out of which all expenses must be paid.

It is too late for Roberts to alter the Navy swimming and diving camp to account for the extra 25 percent tariff now being imposed by NAAA. He noted the camp was planned before the new revenue distribution plan was announced.

“Personally, I feel this is a very difficult way to run a business when dealing with significant changes after the camp has been implemented, staffed and promoted,” he said. “Recent decisions were made unilaterally. Since then, we have made a proposal and are hopeful we can work together as a team to create an agreement all are satisfied with.”

[NON-PROFIT EDUCATION](#)

From the Alumni Association:

My name is Liz Frenaye and I am working with the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association Communications Department. We are currently working on a piece that highlights grads in the nonprofit world of education. We want to showcase any grad who works a lot with educational outreach, educational charities, or educational nonprofits. If you, or any of your classmates would be a good fit for this piece, please email me at liz.frenaye@usna.com.

Thank you in advance! Liz Frenaye

[CYBER IS OFFICAL](#)



As Hopper Hall goes up, so does the number of midshipmen signing on for a [B.S. in Cyber Operations](#). The Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET recently accredited the program. Midshipmen will participate in hands-on operations beginning their third class year. The Cyber Center remains one of our [strategic priorities](#).

[NEW USNA.COM](#)



This fall we will launch our new site, one that we have designed based on surveys and feedback from you, our members and

friends. It should get you where you want to go with fewer clicks and streamlined information for faster transactions on your PC, tablet and on your phone on the go. Bear with us as we work through new system kinks and be ready to share your feedback.

SHOP THE ONLINE STORE



These beautiful personalized captain's chairs make great gifts. So do the personalized glassware and new Navy fleeces. [Visit our online store](#) for these and great gifts like pearls, Academy watches and the Class Crest Collection.

USNA 79er DATABASE, ETC.



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

Updates include: Lyle Mueller, Pat Temple

2 – [Lyle Mueller](#) – Lyle retired from Raytheon. CONGRATS!

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HOW DO YOU UPDATE YOUR PROFILE ON USNA.COM?

(same as last month)

The Class of 1979 Leadership relies on the information contained in the USNA Alumni Association database to maintain our contact with you. Changes to your Alumni Profile can only be made by you – the Class Leadership is not able to do this for you.

It is very important to stay in communications with your Class by email and regular mail, as well as telephone contact in order to stay informed through SHIPMATE articles and the Class Column and Class President emails. Please follow the following instructions to change and update your Alumni Profile.

Steps to Update your USNA Alumni Association Profile:

- Step 1: Go to www.usna.com.
- Step 2: Click on Sign In.
- Step 3: Under Online Community, enter your User Name and Password, then click on Login.

(Forgot your User Name and/or Password? Follow the link for Forgotten Password. Do NOT use the New User Registration unless you have never registered an account – highly unlikely.)

- Step 4: Scroll over to Stay Connected, then click on My Account.
- Step 5: Click on Update Your Profile.
- Step 6: Scroll through your Personal Information and update the appropriate fields. Ensure your Mailing Address and email address are correct. After completing your updates, click on the Update button at the bottom of the page. I suggest you then re-verify all updates. Please Note the Keep Private options for any or all of your information. Use them if you feel it is necessary.

- Step 7: Click Sign out.

Consider signing up for ClassMail if you have not already done so. ClassMail acts as a forwarding service to whatever email address you specify. For it to work you must keep current the email address at which you want to receive these forwarded messages.

The Main Benefit of ClassMail is you can give all of your contacts your ClassMail address and they will never need to change where to email you when you change your email from one address to another (i.e., from name@aol.com to name79@comcast.net.) If you need any further assistance, you may contact the Alumni Association or let me know.

HOW DO YOU FIND CLASSMATES?

(same as last month)

If you want to find contact information on our classmates or other Naval Academy grads, you can use an Alumni Tool called Alumni Lookup. Of course, our classmates or other grads must enter their information in the system, but if they did, you can find it.

When you Log in at www.usna.com go all the way to the bottom right of the page and you will see an “Alumni Lookup” button. Click that. A login page for USNA.com will open it for you to enter your information and then agree with the user agreement.

Then you enter fill in the search fields, click search, and your results will show up in a box below the search fields.

That’s it. Happy hunting! Hopefully, our classmates and other alumni will be registered.