



Class of 79 News

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Omnes Viri News

PREZ SEZ

FROM SEPTEMBER 20:

Greetings Class of 1979,

A lot of important gouge to pass along, so stay with me until O/V.

The Class of 1979 ended its run of continuous (since July 7, 1975) Active Duty service to the Navy and Marine Corps when our last man standing, LtGen Bob “Whaler” Walsh, USMC, retired on August 30th. Bob and his wife Teri are now on the civilian path with all the rest of us and I just want to take this one last opportunity to thank them both, on behalf of our entire Class, for inspiring several generations of Marines and their families, and for selfless service to our nation. There is no one who can doubt that Bob was the strongest link in the chain that was the Class of 1979. Bravo Zulu!

I also want to thank the many classmates who responded to my “Secret Project” call to mark the event by extending best wishes to Bob and Teri. Erik “Smedley” Doyle put all of those notes together in a spectacular Presentation Album for the Walsh’s. Great work Erik! Bob sent me a note that said, in part, “Thank you so very much personally and the entire Class of 1979 for honoring Teri and me during my retirement. ...The personalized notes and pictures...(are) something we will cherish forever.”

Bob – hope to see you soon!

ATTENTION ALL NAPSTERS:

A few Members of the NAPS Class of 1975 (USNA Class of 79) are wondering if there is any interest in a NAPS 1975 Class reunion. If you were a NAPS class of 1975 member (even if you did not graduate from NAPS) and are interested in attending a Class reunion, here are a couple of options to consider:

Hold the 1975 NAPS Class Reunion:

1. The day before the USNA 1979 40th Class Reunion
2. One day during the USNA 1979 40th Class Reunion (perhaps Sunday)
3. The day after the USNA 1979 40th Class Reunion
4. Some other time (suggest a date)

It is requested that all NAPS class of 75 provide their feedback, one way or the other, to Bill Corkill, email:

corkman4@gmail.com <<mailto:corkman4@gmail.com>>

Thanks,

Bill Corkill

ATTENTION ALL 79er NAVY FOOTBALL FANS ATTENDING THE NAVY-NOTRE DAME GAME IN SAN DIEGO: This can include anyone in San Diego or SOCAL even if you aren’t going to the game. Rocky Kropp

(rockykropp@att.net) is working to put on a 79er Reception at Social Tap on Friday, October 26, following a rumored, but not officially scheduled yet, Pep Rally near the USS MDWAY. Social Tap is nearby. The plan is for heavy poo poos and a cash bar from 1900-2200, give or take. Cost will be about \$50pp paid in advance. There are numerous 79ers in SOCAL and many are going to the game – this is our chance to gather as a class for a one-night Reunion. Please let Rocky know if you are interested. Thanks for doing this Rocky!

We had a great group of classmates, spouses, and friends out in Hawaii for the Navy-Hawaii Football game on 9/1. Other than the game itself, the trip was fantastic! Mahalo and Aloha!

Navy Football turned it around in the rain at home against AAC opponent Memphis on 9/8 and last Saturday beat Lehigh 51-21. A Bye Week will be followed by our annual clash with the Zoomies on 10/6 at AFA.

USNA CLASS OF 1979 40-YEAR REUNION NEXT YEAR. Reminder that due to the AAC schedule not being released until Feb-Mar 2019, we do not have a firm date yet, but everyone should plan to keep September 2019 weekends free on your schedules. As soon as we get our home football weekend dates, we will get the information out to you so you can then book travel and accommodations. The reward for waiting is having that particular weekend pretty much open to just our class.

CLASS LEGACY GIFT UPDATE: Our 40-Year Legacy Gift Campaign was established to support Academic Excellence (Trident Scholar Program), Athletic Excellence, and the USNAAA Annual Fund. Our overall goal was to raise \$500,000.

To date, we have raised \$167,426 of \$187,500 Goal for the Trident Scholar Program; \$360,441 of our \$187,500 Goal for

Athletic Excellence; and, \$607,690 of our \$125,000 Goal for Annual Fund Support. Total: \$1.13M, blowing out our \$500K Goal. HOWEVER, as laudable as that is, we are still about \$20K short on supporting the Trident Scholar Program. In addition, only 300 or so classmates have made contributions, leaving way too many of you guys not pulling your fare share. Let's close that final gap by year's end please!

For our classmates forced to flee Hurricane Florence in North Carolina, I hope you return to normality safely and soon.

BEAT AIR FORCE!

BEAT ARMY!

Omnes Viri 1979,

Sean

79er TAILGATES

'79 Tailgaters-

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:

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.

Tailgater Timeline:

11:30am- Tailgater Set-Up

2:15pm- Tailgater Take-Down

2:30pm- Navy Victory Moonshine Shot

3:11pm- Brigade March-On

3:20pm- National Anthem & Fly-Over

3:24pm- Parachute jumper w/ American flag

3:32pm- Game Kick-Off

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? Go Navy! Beat Everyone!

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!

10/06/18		Colorado Springs, Colo.	TBA	TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network	More
	at Air Force				
	vs.				
10/13/18		Annapolis, Md.	TBA	TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network	More
	Temple *				
	vs.				
10/20/18		Annapolis, Md.	TBA	TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network	More
	Houston *				
	vs.				
10/27/18		San Diego, Calif. (SDCCU Stadium)	TBA	TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network	More
	Notre Dame				
	vs.				
11/03/18		Cincinnati, Ohio	TBA	TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network	More
	at Cincinnati *				
	vs.				
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 *				
	vs.				
11/24/18		New Orleans, La.	TBA	TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network	More
	at Tulane *				
	vs.				
12/01/18		TBA	TBA	TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network	More
	American Athletic Conference Championship Game				
	vs.				
12/08/18		Philadelphia, Pa. (Lincoln Financial Field)	TBA	TV: TBA Radio: Navy Radio Network	More
	at Army West Point				

SEAN STACKLEY

L3 promotes Sean Stackley to president of comms and networked systems group



L3 Technologies continues its executive leadership and structural shuffle with the announcement Monday that Sean Stackley will lead the Communications and Networked Systems segment.

The former assistant secretary of the U.S. Navy for research, development and acquisition [joined L3 in January](#) as corporate vice president, leading the company's strategic advanced capabilities and technologies. This latest move to the segment's president makes Stackley a corporate officer and member of the executive leadership team.

With the appointment of Stackley, who also served as acting Navy secretary, L3 announced the renaming of the segment — previously Communication Systems — and the realignment of its maritime business under that segment and Stackley's purview. The maritime business was before distributed across Communications Systems, Electronic Systems and ISR Systems. Andrew Ivers, who headed the Communications Systems segment, will retire at the end of the year.

While seemingly a decision driven by Stackley's own background in the Navy, L3 CEO Chris Kubasik said the shift of the maritime business is instead "the next step" in an ongoing effort to realign the company's portfolio of businesses.

Kubasik spoke to Defense News about that effort in July, which supports his long-term goal to be a nontraditional sixth prime. For that to happen, "we needed to be better integrated, more collaborative and more innovative. It's really a transformation of the company."

The hiring and now promotion of Stackley is one of several hires made since Kubasik took the helm. Stephen O'Bryan, a nearly 10-year veteran of Lockheed Martin, [joined L3 in July to lead business development](#) companywide.

Melanie Heitkamp — formerly of Lockheed and Leidos, among others — leads human resources. The board of directors also saw some shifts, including the addition of Rita Lane, who spent years in the technology sector, among other things serving as vice president of operations at Apple and overseeing the launch of the iPad.

Kubasik spoke to Defense News ahead of the announcement, confirming that the executive leadership team is now set. "I'm done," he said about top level appointments. "But we're continuing to attract and upgrade talent throughout the company."

ANOTHER ARTICLE

[Sean Stackley](#), formerly corporate vice president for strategic advanced programs and technology at [L3 Technologies](#) (NYSE: LLL), has been named corporate senior VP and president of the company's newly created communications and networked systems segment.

He succeeds Andrew Ivers, a 13-year L3 veteran who is set to retire by the end of 2018, and will oversee the new segment that combines the company's maritime businesses with its communications systems division, L3 [said Monday](#).

[Christopher Kubasik](#), L3 chairman, president and CEO, said Stackley's engineering experience, policy knowledge and client focus would help accelerate the delivery of mission-focused and agile platforms to clients as the company realigns its business portfolio in support of the [U.S. Navy's](#) distributed maritime operations.

Stackley [joined](#) L3 in January from the Navy, where he served as acting secretary and assistant secretary for research, development and acquisition for nine years. His 40-year public service career included time as a staff member at the Senate Armed Services Committee and surface warfare officer with involvement in the Navy's ship design, program management and construction.

[WELCOME TO OUR NEW WEBSITE](#)



usna.com has gotten a make-over! The [new, clean and streamlined site](#) is ready for your event registrations, plebe photo finding, sea story reading and classmate connections. We cannot thank you enough for your suggestions and ideas that you conveyed through our survey and hope you will find it easy to use and navigate.

N-STARS OF THE SILVER SCREEN



Two grads are getting the star treatment as filming of the remake of 1976's "[Midway](#)" begins this month on Oahu. Woody Harrelson is cast as ADM Chester Nimitz, USN, of the Class of 1905 and Luke Evans will play RADM Clarence McClusky, Jr. '26, USN (Ret.). A call that went out for local military members and their families to serve as extras in the film received almost 1,500 responses, so we hope to see some alumni on the big screen.

MARITIME ACCIDENTS BOOST INTEREST IN ACADEMY TRAINING



Being on the bridge can be scary, but not knowing what you're doing there is worse. Because of the notable accidents in the past few years, the Academy has opened up its YP training to [officers from NROTC programs](#). "If we can get the other community to get even a basic touchstone of some YP time, it will make a difference," said LT Devan Gurecki, USN, an instructor in the program.

NAVAL ACADEMY'S CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM RECEIVES ACCREDITATION



The U.S. Naval Academy's cyber operations program has been formally accredited. The Academy said Friday [the program was accredited recently by ABET](#), a leading college and university science and technology accrediting agency. Three other universities also were accredited under the new cybersecurity criteria: the U.S. Air Force Academy, Towson University and Southeast Missouri State University.

RANK AND FILE

HOW does the United States NAVAL ACADEMY RANK?



It seems as though every media outlet has gotten in on the college rankings game. Some publications use time-honored methodology, others have—to put it mildly—more subjective ways of compiling results. Prospective midshipmen and curious alumni can now see where the United States Naval Academy ranks with regard to everything from academics and student life.

U.S. News & World Report, 2019 Edition of Best Colleges

- #2 Top Public School
- #1 High School Counselor's Top Picks
- #4 Undergraduate Engineering Programs Overall
- #5 Undergraduate Mechanical Engineering Program
- #22 Best National Liberal Arts Colleges

Why is the Academy defined as a "liberal arts college?" For years, the Naval Academy has ranked among the very best liberal arts colleges by U.S. News & World Report. With the Academy's well-regarded engineering programs, it might seem a misnomer. But the Academy does fit the publication's highly specific description of liberal arts colleges as those that "emphasize undergraduate education and award at least half of their degrees in the liberal arts fields of study"— which includes degrees in mathematics and hard sciences.

Forbes, 2018 College Rankings

- #31 in Top Colleges
- #4 in Public College
- #18 in the Northeast

Wall Street Journal Rankings

Where are the service academies? The U.S. Military Academy made its debut in the rankings in 2018 at No. 58 overall and 10th among public institutions. Previously, service academies weren't included because some data—including a survey of current students—required for the rankings weren't available. Neither the U.S. Naval Academy or Air Force Academy opted into the Wall Street Journal process.

The Princeton Review

Ranked #2 in Best Science Lab Facilities

“We're thrilled to be recognized for the excellence we've achieved, but nothing we do at the Naval Academy is in pursuit of

rankings,” he explained. “That being said, rankings do validate what we already know about ourselves, which is that midshipmen are challenged in a highly rigorous, four-year academic program and they excel morally, mentally and physically. Rankings also help us attract the right candidates for the Naval Academy—those who want a superior education and the opportunity to serve their country.” - CDR David McKinney '98, USN, Public Affairs Officer, USNA

F-35C IN FIRST FLIGHT OPS ON CARRIER



For the first time, F-35C fighter jets participated in integrated flight operations on the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln. [Watch the video here.](#) CO of Lincoln is CAPT Putnam Browne '90, USN, and XO is CAPT Amy Bauernschmidt '94, USN.

BILL'S BACKSTORY



Our beloved mascot Bill the Goat was not always a goat. The previous mascots from decades ago would have put fear into the hearts of our rivals with a carrier pigeon and confused the enemy when it was called a

monkey but portrayed as a gorilla. One visionary even wanted a bulldog in pre-Chesty days. [But a garbage-gobbling goat it became.](#) Can't imagine it any other way.

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
CHARITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**



From Stan Clark:

Hi to all

Please help me raise funds for this local charity in Orlando. I am finally healthy again and have been back riding!!!! Feels great and I time to give back to the community that I live when I am in the Orlando area. I will be riding a Metric Century (60 or so miles) on 14 October so time is short. This is one of two yearly charity rides that I ask for donations. Please Click <https://raceroster.com/.../ride-for-rm.../pledge/participant/385> to take you directly to my donation page. Thanks!

USNA 79er DATABASE, ETC.



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

Updates include: Tom Rychlik

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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.