



Class of 79 News

December 2018

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Greetings Classmates!

Once again, the sands of time have slipped steadily toward the end of another year. Welcome to December 2018!

Here's a question to ponder – "How can a football team with a 3-9 record and one game remaining on its schedule have a winning season?" Well, the answer, as we all know, is that it can only happen in the greatest of all rivalry football games. Army-Navy! A Navy win will erase a lot of frustration for a team that has struggled mightily at many times this season – sometimes playing brilliantly, as in the second half against Notre Dame, or in a big win at home against Memphis – the team that will play UCF on Saturday for the American Athletic Conference (AAC) Championship – but also has played some awful football, as in the opener at Hawaii, or after going up 7-0 on a poor Air Force squad.

In the 119th meeting of the Army-Navy series, a series Navy leads 60-51-7, Navy will have to play its best game against a pretty good Army team, but one that has its own flaws. Navy must do it, and has that winning season as incentive, in this, our Bowl Game, for the year. Let's get all hands-on deck on Saturday December 8 at 1500 ET to root Navy on to its biggest win of year! Whether you are watching the game

live at Lincoln Financial Stadium in Philadelphia, or the CBS broadcast, let this be the order of the day – GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY!!

This December, be aware of these events: December 1: AAC Championship Game, Memphis at UCF, 1530ET on ABC. Memphis nearly beat UCF earlier this season, falling 31-30, but UCF suffered a devastating blow when its quarterback suffered a knee injury in their last game. Still a slight favorite at home, I predict the end of their Nation's longest winning streak. Memphis 34-27. (OK, Sean, why this odd prediction? Who cares? Well, it may open the door to FLO79's alma mater, Fresno State, getting a New Year's Bowl game.)

- December 2: Hanukkah begins at sundown. Also, the first Sunday of Christian Advent.
- December 7: 77th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor attack.
- December 8: BEAT ARMY!!! I fearlessly predict Navy 28 - Army 13.
- December 21: Winter Begins!
- December 25: Christmas
- December 31: New Year's Eve

We are moving onward toward the new year of 2019 – and our BIG 40-YEAR REUNION. Watch this space for details in the coming months. Keep your last few weekends of September 2019 free, as one of them will be Reunion Weekend. The date will not be known much before February

2019 when the AAC releases the Conference Football Schedule. We will select the weekend around the home game that gets scheduled for either September 14, 21, or 28 – whichever works best for us.

Two worthwhile charities to consider during December – Wreaths Across America, and Toys for Tots!

Janet (aka FLO79) and I wish all of you and your families the many blessings of the Christmas Holiday Season. Stay safe (no lampshades as hats at your office party) and we will meet again soon!

BEAT ARMY!!!!

Omnes Viri 1979,

Sean

P.S. Bonus Question to ponder. You know those newfangled “digital assistants” like Alexa, or Siri? Can you think of a command to give both of them (assuming they are next to each other) that will cause them to engage in an indefinite conversation?

Merry Christmas!

NAVY-NOTRE DAME 2020

As many of you know, Navy is playing Notre Dame in Ireland on August 29, 2020. Let me know if you have an interest in going. No firm commitment needed yet.

~Valerie (platweddings@aol.com)

CLASS DINNER: SPRING 2019?

Looking to see who is interested to having a class dinner in the spring. We have two classmates with membership at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington. The tentative date is April 6, 2019. Would like to make this an annual event to be held in

DC or Northern Virginia. If we have enough interest, we can start the planning.

~ Valerie (platweddings@aol.com)

ROGER STAUBACH RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

On Friday, November 16, 2018, President Donald J. Trump awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to 7 distinguished individuals. This prestigious award is the Nation’s highest civilian honor, which may be awarded by the President to individuals who have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

ROGER STAUBACH. Hall-of-Fame quarterback Roger Staubach played 11 seasons in the National Football League, winning two Super Bowls with the Dallas Cowboys, and making the Pro Bowl six times. He first made his mark on football at the United States Naval Academy, where he set 28 records and won the Heisman Trophy in 1963. Soon after graduating, Mr. Staubach volunteered to fight in the Vietnam War. Following his football career, he was a successful businessman and a champion for many charitable causes, including the United Way of America, the Children’s Scholarship Fund, and Allies in Service, an organization devoted to supporting service members, veterans, and their spouses.

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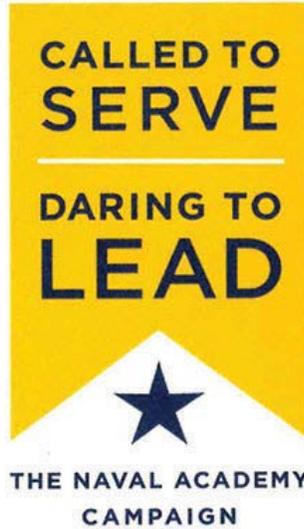
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USNA RANKS IN “50 MOST BEAUTIFUL COLLEGES”



42. United States Naval Academy: Annapolis, Maryland

The incredible Beaux-Arts Bancroft Hall at the United States Naval Academy isn't a museum nor even an academic building. It's actually the largest dormitory in the world, with 1,700 rooms spread over 33 acres of floor space.

SOUIX CITY BY THE SEAWALL



It's not every day that a ship is [commissioned at the Academy](#). In fact, this is the first combat ship commissioned here thanks to the ship's 14-foot draft. On 17 November hundreds of residents from the namesake city and Navy fans from far and wide will descend upon Annapolis for the ceremony. SIOUX CITY leaves on 18 November for her new homeport of Mayport, FL.

MACHINES VS.HUMANS A.I and THE MILITARY



Do you trust artificial intelligence? Would you trust it less or more in the realm of military operations? Chief of Naval Research RADM David Hahn '85, USN, says, [“If we don't all dogpile on this thing, we're going to find ourselves behind.”](#)

100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I



November marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the “War to End All Wars” with [solemn ceremonies around Europe](#). The Academy felt the effects of the war soon after the U.S. entered it on 6 April 1917, with LT Clarence Crase Thomas, Class of 1908, being the first U.S. naval officer killed in the war. He is buried at the Academy. The Classes of 1917 and 1918 were graduated early to serve and the size of the student body increased by 300 percent. [Read more about the history here](#) from Jim Cheevers, retired curator from the Naval Academy Museum.

JINGLE BELL RUN FOR ARTHRITIS

From Steve Smith:

Looking for that last minute tax deduction?

Did you know that by 1 in 3 military members have a form of arthritis compared to 1 in 5 in the general population?

Liz and I are supporting the Arthritis Foundation by fundraising for this year's Jingle Bell Run 5K here in the DC area. We would love to have your support. The run is Saturday 1 Dec at Pentagon Row.

If you would like to donate to my page:
<https://events.arthritis.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=40674>

If you would like to donate to Liz's page:

<https://events.arthritis.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=50235>

Thanks, and we both wish you all the best of the holiday season!

Steve and Liz

USNA 79er DATABASE, ETC.



1 – Welcome to the Area / Newsletter –
New additions this month include: None.
Updates include: None.

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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.