



## U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2006

March ~~10~~ 11, 2024

Dearest Shipmates,

I wanted to give you an update on the state of the class, as duly required by my blood oath outlined in our unwavering bylaws (time, tide, and formation waited for no one, and my cheeky deadline was abruptly missed):

### 20-Year Class Project Update

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, we've weighed anchor<sup>i</sup> on our 20-year class project after signing a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation. Last summer's class-project survey responses largely fell into two camps: either sponsor a September 11<sup>th</sup> / Global War on Terror monument; or create a scholarship that would memorialize Bull, Dan, Mike, and Ford. For several reasons, and after significant back-and-forth with the association's giving-coordinators, we landed on the latter.

Starting with the Class of 2026, our class will sponsor up to **four \$'06,000 scholarships for postgraduate education** that honor the memory of our four friends in Memorial Hall. Our MOU calls for the class to work with USNA's Graduate Programs Office to build scholarship guidelines that reflect the characteristics that made each one of our friends special. In that same vein, we plan to host an all-hands-welcome awardee dinner each year prior to graduation for you to tell their stories.

Over the next six weeks, we will assist USNA AA&F build their communications strategy to solicit class project donations. We are admittedly behind the power curve<sup>ii</sup>, but we have enough runway<sup>iii</sup> to meet our **\$150,000 minimum goal**, and we successfully negotiated a larger-than-normal 85/15 split - meaning from every \$100 you donate, \$85 will go towards the class project and the remainder to a pot of unrestricted funds. For the duration of our MOU, **this formula will apply to all donations**. Should you desire your donation be applied to a different priority (e.g. NOLS, the cybers, etc.), **you'll need to explicitly state that in your communications with the association**.

We are thrilled to partner with the association to keep our fallen classmates' legacies alive and support the next generation of hard-charging tailgaters. On that same front, we are looking for other means to give back, and are **in the early stages of creating a 501(c)(3)** that will allow flexibility for good outside USNA AA&F lifelines<sup>iv</sup> - think a scholarship in Marion, Indiana or a sports award in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. We will have more on this in the coming months.

### Tailgate

After a proper turnover from the Class of 1956, we have officially assumed all duties and responsibilities of tailgating at spot #51, located at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium's aptly named *Gate '06*. Have we been there for several years? Yes. Do we still hear folks asking, "We have a class tailgate?" Also, yes. Is it family

friendly with no one getting service dress blue sleeves ripped from their torso like a night at the Firstie Club? Actually, yes. You'll find all the details on the class webpage, <http://usnaclassof2006.com/tailgate>, including a full schedule with potluck plans, plus Waze, Google, and Apple Maps directions.

Alas, the tailgate spot is not free, so if you'd like to join in on the fun and the fee, please contact me directly or send an email to [aughtsixtailgates@gmail.com](mailto:aughtsixtailgates@gmail.com). Perimeter parking fees start at \$175, and **you will needed to be added to the approved list** to purchase a spot #51 pass from the Navy Ticket Office.

### Newly Appointed Class Officers

In accordance with Article III, Section 2 of our resolute bylaws, Adrienne and I are pleased to announce appointments to the following three positions:

- 1) Reunion Chair. Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Devuono, USMC
- 2) Fundraising Chair. Mr. Jon Anderson, Esq.
- 3) Public Affairs Chair. Major Michael Kuiper, USMC (Ret.)

These fine young(ish) gentlemen will gently aid us into the next phase of reunion, class project, and non-profit planning.

### One more thing

Finally, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to Adrienne, *other* Josh, Ashley, or myself. If all else fails, shoot us a note at [usnaclassof2006@gmail.com](mailto:usnaclassof2006@gmail.com).

P.S. Keep us in the loop on your retirements, changes of command, and podcasts, or whatever you kids are doing these days! We have hosted digital programs and videos for the geriatrics in the group, and we are happy to explore whatever floats your boat<sup>v</sup>.

Custodes Libertatis & Beat Army!

Josh Angichiodo  
Vice President, USNA Class of 2006

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<sup>i</sup> That was for you, boatfolk.

<sup>ii</sup> Nukes, \*tips hat\*.

<sup>iii</sup> Ibid, flypeople.

<sup>iv</sup> See first endnote.

<sup>v</sup> It's becoming a bit much, I know.

