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Dear Fellow Alumni and Class Officers,

I would like to approach your class to see if they are interested in participating in an initiative to enable a young disabled Veteran, Shelby Smith, start a business doing 3D printing and to help him create a future for himself and his family.

I presented this initiative to my Class, 1978 and will be offering 3D printed ornaments and plaques of our class crest when approved. I had the 3D model created of our class crest and the photos below are examples of what Shelby can do. He would be willing to donate 10-20% of the list price back to your class if approved (estimate ornament \$12 ea., plaque \$35 plus postage).

Shelby was an unsung hero during a Fort Hood shooting massacre where 17 soldiers were gunned down by one of their own, 3 died. As an Army Medic in the Special Forces, he was trained to run toward the threat instead of run away. Instinctively, Shelby heard the shots, spotted the shooter, rushed and tackled him which caused the shooter to take his own life rather than be captured. Shelby unselfishly risked his own life to ensure no other lives were lost that day and then turned to help the wounded.

If your class would like to participate in this initiative and allow your class crest to be modeled and reproduced as a Christmas Ornament and/or wall plaque where Shelby would sell them directly to your classmates, your reunion committee in bulk, or through Etsy (his humble beginnings), then please let me know. If so, I will need a good graphic of your class crest to be modeled. If not, then please let me know and I will remove your class from our mailing list.

I appreciate your consideration of this worthy cause and thank you for your service. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Go Navy! Vinny DiGirolamo'78 (USN Ret.)

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