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The Class of 1973 50th Reunion Campaign: “*Non Sibi – Continuing the Legacy*”

Classmates,

What a special month this has been (thus far): On June 6th we commemorated the 50th anniversary of throwing our hats in the air. Some of you may also be celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary with your grease girl this month. If so, Well Done Sir! On June 30th we will mark the 54th anniversary of when we all stood shoulder to shoulder in T Court and first called each other “Classmate”. Our October gathering during Homecoming Weekend will be here before we know it – “...*when two or three shall meet and old tales be retold!*” There is so much to reflect upon and so much to look forward to.

Back in April, we promised you we would be pushing out periodic ALLCLASS missives designed to inform and to inspire, the most recent being “Tax with Max” [aka “Tax Wisdom for 72/73 Year Olds”]. This month, we thought we would combine “Realizing the Benefits of Matching Gifts” with a few bursts of “Did you Know?”. Please take a few minutes to read this Classmate epistle and please pass it on to company mates,

teammates, squadron mates, shipmates, etc. Also, feel free to call or email one of us should you have questions or require additional information.

First of all, **did you know you have an opportunity to leverage your Class of 1973 Campaign Gift?** Let's say you worked for - and retired from - Lockheed Martin, Boeing, General Dynamics, IBM, Delta Airlines, Exxon/Mobil, or another one of the 1400 or so premier companies that currently offer matching gifts to the USNA Foundation. You may also be eligible for a match of your gift to the USNA Foundation by that corporation. Thereby, you add to your own philanthropic goals, add more impact to the program of your choice at the Naval Academy and you serve as a pace setter for the 50th Reunion Campaign. Keep in mind this is a benefit you *earned* while working all those years, so take full advantage of it.

There are different rules and different processes required depending on the firm, but most all of them will do a dollar for dollar (or more) match up to a certain annual threshold. By the way, this IS NOT considered as taxable income - yet another plus! To find out more about your company's matching gift plan for retirees, click on this link and type in your company's name : [Support the Academy - Matching Gifts - www.usna.com](https://www.usna.com)

And, now for a few noteworthy items of impact through private philanthropic support and this month's "**Did you Know?**":

In the Physical Mission

- Navy claimed its ninth-consecutive Patriot League Presidents' Cup, winning a school record 11 conference championships during the 2022-23 academic year.
- Navy defeated Army 14-10 in the Star Series presented by USAA during the 2022-23 season. Navy is now **39-4-2** in the Star series over the last 45 years.
- Coach Gavin Hickie, the first ever **Class of 1973 Heinz Lenz Fellow for the Physical Mission**, led Navy Men's Rugby to a National Championship with an UNDEFEATED 18-0 record in the first year it became a varsity sport.
- Coach Carin Gabarra is the winningest Soccer coach of all time at the Naval Academy

[For a special message from Heinz Lenz Fellows Gavin Hickie and Carin Gabarra click here: <https://youtu.be/i09okphpdnY>]

In the Moral Mission

- A Stockdale Center-coached Ethics Bowl team from Navy won its first national championship in over 20 years. The Naval Academy won the 2023 International Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl championship in part with Midshipmen influenced by the **Class of 1973 Fred Minier Resident Ethics Fellow**.
- The Stockdale Center produced an unprecedented number of original products and events this year, including the nationally televised movie 'POW: Passing on Wisdom' on PBS and over 200 podcasts on topics related to **ethical leadership**.

[For a preview of the Class partnership with the Stockdale Center, click here: <https://youtu.be/kMNpplKhrNU>]

In the Mental Mission

- This year's USNA only Rhodes Scholar was a **Cyber Operations major**, the first such distinction not just for USNA's cyber program, but also from any cyber program across the nation.
- All Midshipmen are required to take two cyber-related courses, regardless of majors, one as a Plebe and a second one as a 2nd Class. Our own **Class of 1973 Cyber Studies Tutor** is playing a key role in the success of these Midshipmen.
- The Naval Academy has a fully operational Classified Education and Research Facility within Hopper Hall, the largest one of all of the Service Academies. This year a classified elective course within the Cyber Operations major was taught entirely in there, the first at USNA and at any Service Academy.

In closing, just a reminder that we are only **26 Classmates** shy of achieving 73% classmate participation for our Campaign! For those of you who are already in – and willing to do more – we thank you. Thanks in advance to those of you who plan to join us. Also, keep in mind Honor and Memorial Gifts and always remember:

Every Gift Counts...Every Classmate Matters!

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If you want to watch the entire video of President Dirk Mosis and the inaugural Fred Minier Ethics Fellow, please click here: https://youtu.be/J5l_FQvW7F0

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