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Subject: Where were you 46 years ago today? Happy I-Day to the Class of 1980

Greetings Classmates,

'80 are you out there? Think back some 46 years ago to a very hot summer day in Annapolis where you first met 1,200 of what would become some of your closest friends for life! We took an oath together and became another link in the amazing chain of the Naval Academy! What a privilege! For a select few of us in the Class it was our 18th Birthday! One we will never forget! Who knew then what those next four years would bring - let alone the next 46!

Today we remember all our Classmates who joined us that day, those who have had their last call, those who are struggling, those who are enjoying life and fighting the good fight, those who are retiring, changing careers, chasing grandchildren and each and every one that we call Shipmates! Happy 46th Anniversary '80!

There is no better time to reach out to your Classmates and say hello, share your experiences of that day, the time since and reconnect! We should never need a reason – but this is a great one!

In closing, as I always share in each message, I hope that this finds each of you healthy, happy and wiser today than yesterday. Please take a few minutes to renew a friendship, call / visit / text / teams / zoom a Classmate and take care of each other. You never know what a difference you can make. Your call might just be the medicine that was needed in every case!

As always, BEAT ARMY,

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