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Subject: Fw: NAPS '76 50th Reunion in 2026

Hello,

Please see Mando's email below. He is asking for assistance from Joe. My sense is that you can help him with MyUSNA.

Hope all is well.

Tom O.

Begin forwarded message:

On Sunday, August 3, 2025, 20:15, Mando Mendez <mando_mendez@hotmail.com> wrote:

*Can you post below to the Class sometime next week? At your discretion what day to send but the **actual 50th Anniversary of Napsters' I-Day is Friday August 8.***

If you could also add it to your Fall/next Shipmate column. Let me know the submission deadline. I'm looking for print quality high resolution versions of our I-Day photographs and if I find, I'll forward one to you. When I made these originally in 2000, we had size restrictions attaching jpegs so I'm trying to find the originals. Maybe contact Tim for a related ALITC update like in this month's Shipmate for '77.



Joe,

NAPS Platoon 1-2, August 8, 1975, Newport RI, after seabag issue and marching to first haircuts and ID cards.

The picture from a 1976 Navy recruiting booklet shows Tim Kobosko, Don Harker, Ed Martin, Pat Inglis, Doug Leivonen, Don Jones, Greg Hightain--among over twenty more future classmates--in civies and 70s high school hair. I'm way in the back, left along the curb, three from the end and out of step as usual. Former USN/USMC enlisted arrived at various times over the end of July and early weeks in August, with Janice Bauxbaum, Lynn Vosbury, and Amber Hernandez joining us in January.

It was 50 years ago

Tony Mosley and I, as I've mentioned before both Platoon 1-2 Napsters and First Company, wanted to get together the first weekend in August, in Newport, to mark the 50th anniversary of NAPS I-Day August 8. This year has the same calendar sequence at 1975 so the timing was perfect. Once we started tossing the idea out to our Naps buddies, the immediate and enthusiastic response convinced us to take a step back and try to get as many of the almost 200 Naps '80 classmates to join us with a better and more convenient date. Naps '76/USNA 80 had a 35th Reunion in October 2011 with 62 classmates attending. We hope to do as well or more.

We've set the first week in November, Thursday 5 Nov-Sunday 7 November 2026 as the right time and have made tentative agreements with Newport hotels for that period and size.

I'll post a thread at MyUSNA for all of us to recount their Naps origin story and share pictures and memories during the Fall. Then sometime in November after our 45th, we'll give out the hotel info, get a slot at SignUpNow, nail down our costs, seek volunteers, set the schedule, discuss Naps and Navy Sports attendance, see how we'll honor those no longer with us, plan activities by Platoon and All hands. So far, we've mostly kept our old 1-2 mates in the loop but will soon get out the word to as many Napsters, grads, USNA or not, including retired NAPS staff to celebrate our 10 months in Nimitz Hall together.

Questions?

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Mando