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Greetings Classmates,

This note is being sent on behalf of our President, Tony Verducci and the Class Council:

Classmates:

I hope this month finds you well and enjoying time with family, Classmates, and friends! Please accept this email as a "preparatory command" for invitations that will be forthcoming soon! The Class Council did not intend to conduct much business this summer, but we thought differently when the Naval Academy Alumni Association invited Classes to nominate persons for Distinguished Graduate recognition before the end of October. The package itself, without the process of considering nominees, is a heavy lift; so we decided to put everyone on notice that we intend to invite Classmates to submit nominations and to volunteer to serve on a committee to review nominations and make recommendations to the Class Council.

We are fortunate to have Classmates who have taken part in the nominating process and nominating package effort that resulted in Janie Mines being selected as our initial Class of '80 DGA. We will send out a note reminding you of the purpose and criteria of the DGA program and additional information before the end of the month. In the meantime, when two or more shall meet I encourage you to find a moment to talk about supporting the process through service and/or nominating a Classmate!

Wear sunscreen and stay hydrated!

All the best,

Tony

This is an exciting opportunity to once again recognize the exceptional leaders that we have within the Class of 1980. If you feel that you would like to nominate a Classmate, you can send any nominations or questions me at: joe.grace@1980.usna.com. I will make sure that we get them to the Committee. More information as to the process will follow in a future email.

In closing, 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 / teams / zoom / text / visit a Classmate and take care of each other. You never know what a difference you can make. Shipmate is due next week - I would welcome any and all summer photos and updates.

As always, BEAT ARMY

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