



Spirit of '76 50th Reunion Planning Committee

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Dear classmate,

Come June 2nd, it will be 48 years since our Spirit of '76 hats went flying and we all departed on life's varied paths, as members of the Long Blue Line. I am filled with enormous gratitude for our shared experiences in a place that transformed us and instilled the values of integrity, loyalty, and strong character — unifying us as a band of brothers.

It is my sincere hope that we can get the entire Class of '76 back together for our 50th reunion the first weekend in October 2026! To make sure this reunion is the best USAFA has ever seen, we have formed a Spirit of '76, 50th Reunion Planning Committee — members are noted on the left side of this letter. We have three primary goals:

1. Contact and encourage every classmate to attend the reunion and participate in making this a memorable event. There are two representatives per squadron who will be reaching out to make sure we find everyone.
2. Seek input from all classmates through an interactive website at usafa.org/76-reunion. You can share stories and pictures, as well as make inputs about events you would most enjoy as part of our 50th reunion.
3. We have selected a 50-year legacy class gift which will honor the USAFA grads before us, as well as honor those to come. Our hope is that all Spirit of '76 classmates will donate some denomination of 76 over the next three years towards our legacy gift (e.g., \$76, \$760, \$7,600, \$76,000, etc.). More information about our class gift and how to donate can be found on the website.

I sincerely hope to see you at our 50th reunion and ask that you **reserve October 1-4, 2026, on your calendars**. Navy will be in town for the game that weekend, and if things go as I believe they will, we will all “sit at rest” at dinner that night!

On behalf of the 50th Reunion Planning Committee,

Jack Catton