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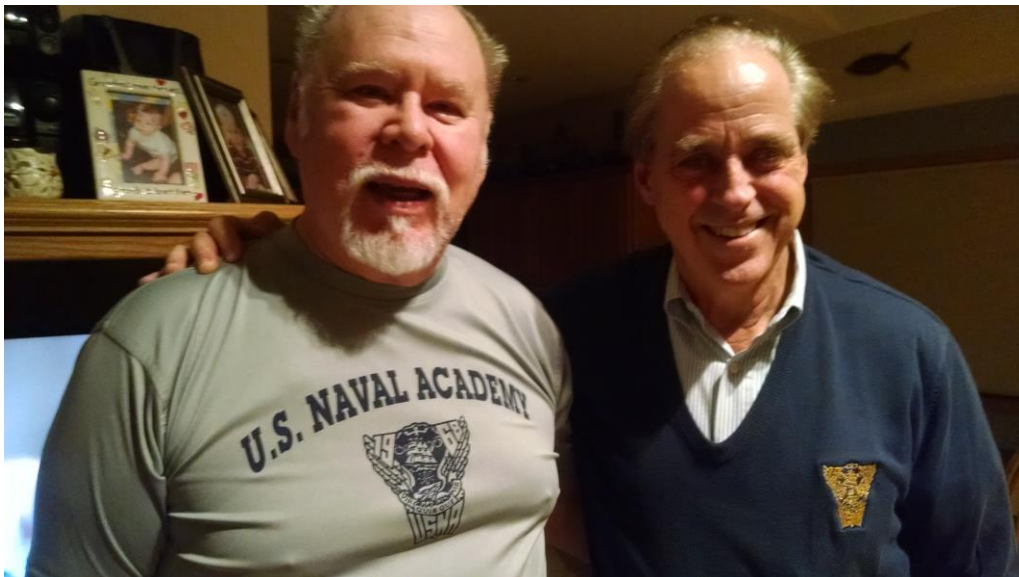
Monthly All Service Academy breakfasts:

- West side - first Friday - Kip's Authentic Irish Pub, Marriott West, I-394 & US 169, 9960 Wayzata Boulevard, Golden Valley. January attendees: Ray Witter '64, Mark Salmen '73, Alex Plechash '75, Chris Bentley '79, Dave Priddy '80, Mark Menzuber '82, J. R. Olson '90, Larry Yatch '98
- East side - second Friday - The Machine Shed, I-94 & Inwood Ave., Lake Elmo. January attendees: Mark Salmen '73 and Craig Benson '91

By the time you read this column, Navy's unprecedented thirteenth consecutive victory over Army and our win at the Poinsettia Bowl will be old news.

Our yearly Chapter gathering to watch the Army-Navy game continues to grow in size and success. It was a great time.

Dick Elliott '68 joined his Navy roommate, Russ Hermanson '68 and Marguerite, at their home in Lacrosse WI to watch the game. Unfortunately, Bobbie was unable to make the trip with Dick. Russ and Marguerite whipped up some great crab-legs and shrimp on Friday night and then we grazed all Saturday. Evenings were spent continuing our championship game series of "Settlers of Catan" and "Ticket to Ride."



68ers Russ Hermanson and Dick Elliott together to watch the Army-Navy game.

We had at least two of our Chapter members attend the Poinsettia Bowl in San Diego. Dave Ratte '86 and Karen wrote, "It was an entertaining game, and very thankful for the win with four Navy turnovers. This is likely the last time Navy will play there, as they now join the American Athletic Conference and will be funneled to a different set of bowl games."



Dave

Ratte tailgating with relatives at the Poinsettia Bowl

Bill Venohr '77 and Susie, who also made it to the Poinsettia Bowl, echoed Dave's comments. "Despite turnovers, it was an "edge of your seat" game. While not at the Army-Navy game level of spirit and enthusiasm in the stands, Navy fans sure made it known we were there!"

Jere Mackin '64 reported attending his class's 50th reunion in September. It was a good time, despite losing to Rutgers on a hot day.