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## **USNA'S CLASS OF 1971 PRESENTS SPECIAL GIFT TO CLASS OF 2021** **DURING 2021 GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – As part of the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association's *Another Link in the Chain* program, members from the United States Naval Academy Class of 1971 will participate in the graduation exercises at the Naval Academy, to be held at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium on Friday, 28 May 2021.

Representatives from the class of 1971 will present a set of gold Ensign (Navy) or 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant (Marine Corps) insignia bars to each graduate after he or she receives their diploma. The gold bars are inscribed with the class years that span a half century, "71-21."

At graduation, the Class of 1971 representatives will be the first to welcome the members of the Class of 2021 into the Naval Academy Alumni Association's extended brigade. They began their relationship with the Class of 2021 on Induction Day in June 2017 and have attended numerous events over the past four years with the midshipmen, including the melding of several rings from the Class of 1971 with the gold that was used to manufacture the Class of 2021's rings.

Members of the Class of 1971 presenting insignia bars this year include:

- Daniel W. Lyons
- Col Jeffrey F. Hemler, USMC (Ret.)
- CAPT Michael J. Kehoe, USN (Ret.)
- CAPT Michael W. Longworth Sr., USN (Ret.)
- Dr. James G. Gonzalez
- Timothy J. Burns

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