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### **USNA CLASS OF 1973 TO PRESENT DISTINCT GIFT TO CLASS OF 2023 DURING 2023 GRADUATION CEREMONY**

ANNAPOLIS, MD (17 May 2023) – Members of the United States Naval Academy Class of 1973, as part of the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association’s Another Link in the Chain program, will join the graduation ceremony on Friday, May 26, 2023 at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

A set of gold Ensign (Navy) or 2nd Lieutenant (Marine Corps) insignia bars will be given to each 2023 graduate from representatives from the Class of 1973 after they receive their diploma. The gold bars are inscribed with the class years that span a half century, “73-23.”

Since their Induction Day in July 2019, the Class of 2023 has built a relationship with the Class of 1973 through shared experiences and camaraderie. They have participated in various events alongside the midshipmen over the past four years which include the bonding of class rings donated by the Class of 1973. The gold from those donated rings helped form the rings now worn by the Class of 2023.

Members of the Class of 1973 presenting insignia bars this year include:

- CAPT James A. Campbell, Jr., USN (Ret.)
- Mr. Richard A. Elliott
- CAPT Thomas P. Gallagher III, USN (Ret.)
- BGen Leif H. Hendrickson, USMC (Ret.)
- VADM Thomas J. Kilcline, Jr., USN (Ret.)
- Mr. Dirk P. D. Mosis III
- RADM Paul J. Ryan, USN (Ret.)
- CDR William E. Short, Jr., USN
- CAPT Joseph D. Stewart, USN (Ret.)
- CAPT George P. Watt, Jr., USNR (Ret.)

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