

While on any given Saturday...blah blah ... Army has two opponents between now and Navy that we should handle, meaning we'll be 9-2 and favored. Rumor mill again say the "Military Bowl" on 21 December, and with a national ranking in the top 40, who knows.

The Curran tailgate's Saturday's win over AF had varying musings. {attendees: Roggow, Curran, Buttine, Stambaugh, Ferrin, Cook, Snyder, Hendrix, Matt Peterson}: "great effort by defense! – AF has been near the 30's against most teams." "4 of their 7 losses were by less than 7." "Army's dedicated to giving its fans the wide range of emotions, and, if at all possible, refuses to win by more than 7. And as an extra bonus, really likes to get down to the last play of the game." It was clear to me that misdirection is not our strong suit, and we take care of the ball to ensure the offense doesn't lose the game for us. That means we pitch the ball as a last resort. Recall our first play of the year was a pitch against Duke – which we fumbled. That may have set a tone. We had all three quarterbacks suited up – good news on the injury front. Navy will be very tough. And, at the end of the day, in the past 20 years, we've looked at many more 2-7 seasons at this point as opposed to 7-2, and if Monken runs for President in 2020, he has my vote. Last thought: I have never, ever, seen a 75-yard opening drive last 12:55, and account for a total of 120 yards offense. Three personal foul penalties, including a late hit and 2x chop block. We have recruited 36+ volunteers representing the Class of 1972 to participate in the in the "Leader Challenge" for West Point's Academic Year 2019 on Wednesday, 28 November 2018 at West Point. The Leader Challenge (LC) method is part of a profession-wide effort to improve learning and leader development and is a cadet leader-run event that presents an actual scenario where a young leader faces professional and ethical dilemma. We'll be part of the training such that each cadet platoon will have a staff/faculty/Tac rep, an "old grad." The classes of 1969-1972 participants will be able to contribute to the small group discussions throughout Leader Challenge. It's a great opportunity to listen to cadets, faculty and tacs. So '72 is, again, well represented – thanks, again, team.

Last quick point. I'd appreciate it if the other 350 of you that haven't filled out the 50-year reunion survey that Coleman prepared would please do so soon. We need your opinion, and Chuck is harassing me – rightfully questioning my leadership, talents, and haircut. Here's the survey:

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/wGB3Rn>

Also, don't forget that all persons with an honorable discharge from the military - which is each of you on this list - are eligible to shop at the Exchange on line. This is a good deal. You can thank Tom Shull, CEO AAFES, wrinkle free '73 for this.

See: <https://www.vetverify.org/>

Last. Amazon smile. While I'm not a huge Amazon fan, there are times Mary and I use it – via Amazon Smile. Give it a look. The vendors agree to have a small portion of the purchase price donated to the charity of your choice – ours is USMA.

P&T Prayer group continues to provide support to many of us. Please keep *them* in your prayers.

Now on the more good news front, here's story about a classmate who has faced health adversity head-on with great success. Click on link below to see John Johnson's page on E-3's website. Then click on the photo of John standing behind his bicycle to read a great article recently posted on the VA website.

<http://www.1972e3usma.org/JohnJohnson.html>

Also, quick props to Joe Schneider, he ran a hard, clean campaign, but came in 2d place for 6-Mass U.S. Congress. Initial analysis showed Joe got more votes than any other Republican in the state save Gov. Baker, but that the blue wave really hit Mass. He should be proud of the efforts of his sons that helped and of his small team. Well done, classmate.

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving – we have a lot to be thankful for.

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John