

Access to classmate contact information

Access to class wide e-mail, mailing address, and telephone distribution lists maintained by the Class Secretary will be limited to the use by class officers. Company distribution lists are available to company mates from and at the discretion of Company Representatives.

Utilization of class wide lists will be limited to class business only, such as notices regarding class reunions or activities, the notice of the death of classmates or spouses, the nomination of new class officers, actions of the class board, or other class business deemed appropriate by class officers.

Access will not be granted for commercial solicitations, political comments, or requests for charitable contributions – except those Naval Academy fundraising projects approved by the board.

Discussion: Some views have been expressed that class wide distribution lists should be made available to all class mates to use at their discretion, while giving individual classmates the opportunity to “opt out” of the list if they do not desire to receive communications.

It is the view of the board that, while we encourage close relationships among classmates, our first priority is to protect the privacy of classmates, and we have an obligation to limit the unfettered distribution of non class related material. Classmates should not be forced to make the choice of opting out of class related communications in order to limit the receipt of uncontrolled subject matter. We do honor all requests for an opt out, but very few classmates choose this option. Contact with individual classmates is, of course, always available through the Naval Academy Alumni Association website or by contacting the Class Secretary.