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On the Cover
Class of 2026
Induction Day.

Photo courtesy of USNA

65/66 CLASS NEWS

There were also five 'grab-gift bags' won in a lottery by Ted, Sam, Charlie, Rich, and finally Bob Andretta who therefore drove home with a lot of loot.

Jim Minderlein on 09 May posted on our eForum the issues discussed at the Class of 1965 Executive Committee meeting held on 22 April in Ricketts Hall. If you didn't see this on our eForum, please contact Jim at jim65@verizon.net and he'll email you the news. A few items: our 60th reunion is scheduled for 22 to 26 October 2025; the Class of 1965 Navy Legends Exhibit project raised \$272K over a goal of \$250K, with the additional funds paying for the bust of **Roger Staubach** that sits next to his Heisman Trophy in the Terwilliger Center; the class project for the **Pat Donnelly** Scholarship raised \$125K, of which over \$100K was donated by our class alone; and the new Alumni Center Plank Owner project has raised \$402,835 and our class has 28 Plankowners. They are **Leon Okurowski, Jack Kohl, Ted Krauss, Doyle Borchers, Neal Jenkins, Don Brown, John Odom, Roger Staubach, Sted Garber, Ed Linz, Denny McComb, Steve Fabry, Boyd Knowles, Ron Bancroft, Jim Taylor, Denny Neutze, Joe Foy, Ed Rumble, Phil Ferrara, Bill Lawless, Mike Coyle, Jim Huff, Carter Refo, Jim Minderlein, Mike Goodwin, Pete Seibert, Mike Epprecht** and **Jim O'Hanlon**.

Thazzit guys! Aloha, Dave

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The 55 + 1 Reunion is just around the corner. I hope everyone who has signed up is excited. Leah and I are. The mailbox is fuller this time, so there's a good deal to report. I did want to bring up one small point before that. **Scott Redd** reminded me that June 27 was our 60th anniversary for swearing in. Egad, the time flies.

The 2022 Florida ComeAround was a very successful event. Here's the writeup from **Bob Zvacek**.

✉ The spring Florida ComeAround held on 5 and 6 April in Boca Raton, FL was a delightful and memorable experience for the 22 Classmates, 13 spouses, 2 significant others

and 4 widows who attended. It was kicked off at the Hilton hotel's complimentary wine and bar gathering and followed by an intimate dinner for everyone at the City Fish Market restaurant close by. The restaurant did not disappoint. Wonderful food and great ambiance which sparked good fellowship. The following evening was the highlight of the ComeAround. A truly memorable dinner party hosted by Karen and **Keith Melton** at their breathtaking home, conveniently located close to the Hilton. The food was visually stunning, bountiful, and delicious. Keith was kind enough to conduct tours which were both educational and entertaining. The theme was "Hawaiian Casual" and it was carried out to the fullest. All who attended are indebted to Keith and Karen for their kindness and hospitality. Several pictures were taken. Some are provided below, but all are available on the Class web site, usna66.org. Thanks again to Karen and Keith for stepping up to host and get the FL ComeAround back on track.



KAREN AND KEITH MELTON - FL COMEAROUND HOSTS

Rufe Taylor provided the following item and photo.

✉ I had lunch recently with **Steve Berg** just prior to his fishing trip to Pyramid Lake, NV. He is a Master Naturalist in the state of Idaho and knows how to catch a fish or two. He sent me this great photo that I thought I'd share it with everyone. As they say, "the early bird catches the worm" and in this case Steve was a very early riser and caught this 12 lb. plus gorgeous Lahontan cutthroat trout on one of



'66: ATTENDEES ENJOYING THE BUFFET



'66: 2022 FL COMEAROUND ATTENDEES

his hand tied flies. All well here, and Joan and I look forward to our class reunion this September. Cheers, Rufe.



STEVE BERG WITH CATCH

Thanks Rufe. Great job.

George Moore checked in to update us on his dealings with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). George made a presentation in April 2022 at the first International Law Conference at the IAEA in Vienna. This was the first post-Covid outing. Strangely, the IAEA has been in business for almost 60 years, but this was their first conference on the subject of international law. He also made two presentations at the IAEA's meeting of Points of Contact for their Incidents and Trafficking Database (ITDB). Thanks, George. Continued success to you. I might also note that George is a consistent contributor to the Class Zoom meetings.



GEORGE MOORE AT THE IAEA CONFERENCE

Jim Strouse checked in with the following news and photos.

✉ A small group of us who were roommates during our four years has been staying in contact using Zoom since mid-2020. Late last year we decided to physically meet when the COVID threat subsided, and we chose Charlotte, NC as a central rendezvous place. So, on 13 May, Peggy and **Charlie Pfeifer**, Anne and **John Reeb**, Pola and **Dick Sidney**, and Celia and Jim Strouse met at the Marriott City Center hotel in downtown Charlotte for a long weekend. **Roger Burnett** and **Pierce Johnson**, also Zoom participants, were unfortunately unable to attend.

For the get together, we planned an itinerary that included a history tour of the city of Charlotte and a visit to the NASCAR Hall of Fame Museum where we all competed on the race car simulators. Charlie "raced" away with the fastest lap time of a smoking 31.077 seconds.

For our dinners, we chose two of the "Uptown" restaurants known for their local southern cuisine. It was great food served with Southern charm.

The main reason for the reunion was to catch up with each other's lives. So, for sea storytelling, we scheduled plenty of social time in the Marriott M Club Room. Our wives, some of whom have known each other since our dating days at USNA, made sure there was a bit of veracity in our memories and had their own time reminiscing. Two had their own "sea stories" that dated back to their USNA "drag" days.

All hands reported they had weathered the challenges presented by COVID and are again resuming travel to visit family, cruise the oceans and rivers and see more of the USA.

We all want to have a repeat in 2023, but until then, we plan to see one another again in Annapolis during the 55th Plus 1 reunion. BEAT ARMY!

Thanks, Jim. Great update.



CHARLIE, JOHN, DICK, AND JIM

Thanks, Jim. Great update.

I'm sad to report the death of Maureen Jackson, wife of **Don Jackson**. Maureen died on 20 May 2020 after a long, courageous battle with lung cancer. Services for Maureen Jackson were held on Monday, 25 July at 1030 at the US Naval Academy Chapel, followed by inurnment at the USNA Columbarium and a reception at the Naval Academy Club. In addition, the family held a four-day memorial at Don's home in Cape St. Claire, outside of Annapolis, MD to give friends and family time to share memories and toast Maureen. A tent, beverages, and snacks were provided. I know you join me in extending the prayers and condolences of the Class to Don and his children, Kristina and Doug, and their families.

Finally, here's to a successful reunion. Leah and I are looking forward to seeing everyone, and though I really love being in Colorado, it will be nice to see Annapolis again. I do dread the humidity that will no doubt still be around for Labor Day weekend. Everyone attending should plan to pack summer attire. Until September... All the best...Mike!!!

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We have another tough column for '67.

Nancy Hebdon, wife of **Fred Hebdon**, was inurned on 12 May 2022 at the Naval Academy columbarium with primarily family in attendance. **Dennis Rogers** was inurned by his wife Judy on 5 May 2022. Dennis had passed away in December of 2016. In the photo with Judy are **Jack Parry**, **Willie Williamson**, **Dave Church**, and me.



66: 20th COMPANY MINI REUNION

LAST CALL

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them." —Laurence Binyon, 1914

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3 July 2021

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31 May 2022

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5 June 2022

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16 May 2022

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25 April 2022

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9 May 2022

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19 May 2022

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14 May 2022

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12 May 2022

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18 May 2022

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11 April 2022

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16 May 2022

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19 May 2022

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17 May 2022

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30 April 2022

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11 May 2022

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3 May 2022

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11 June 2022

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18 April 2022

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30 May 2022

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5 May 2022

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