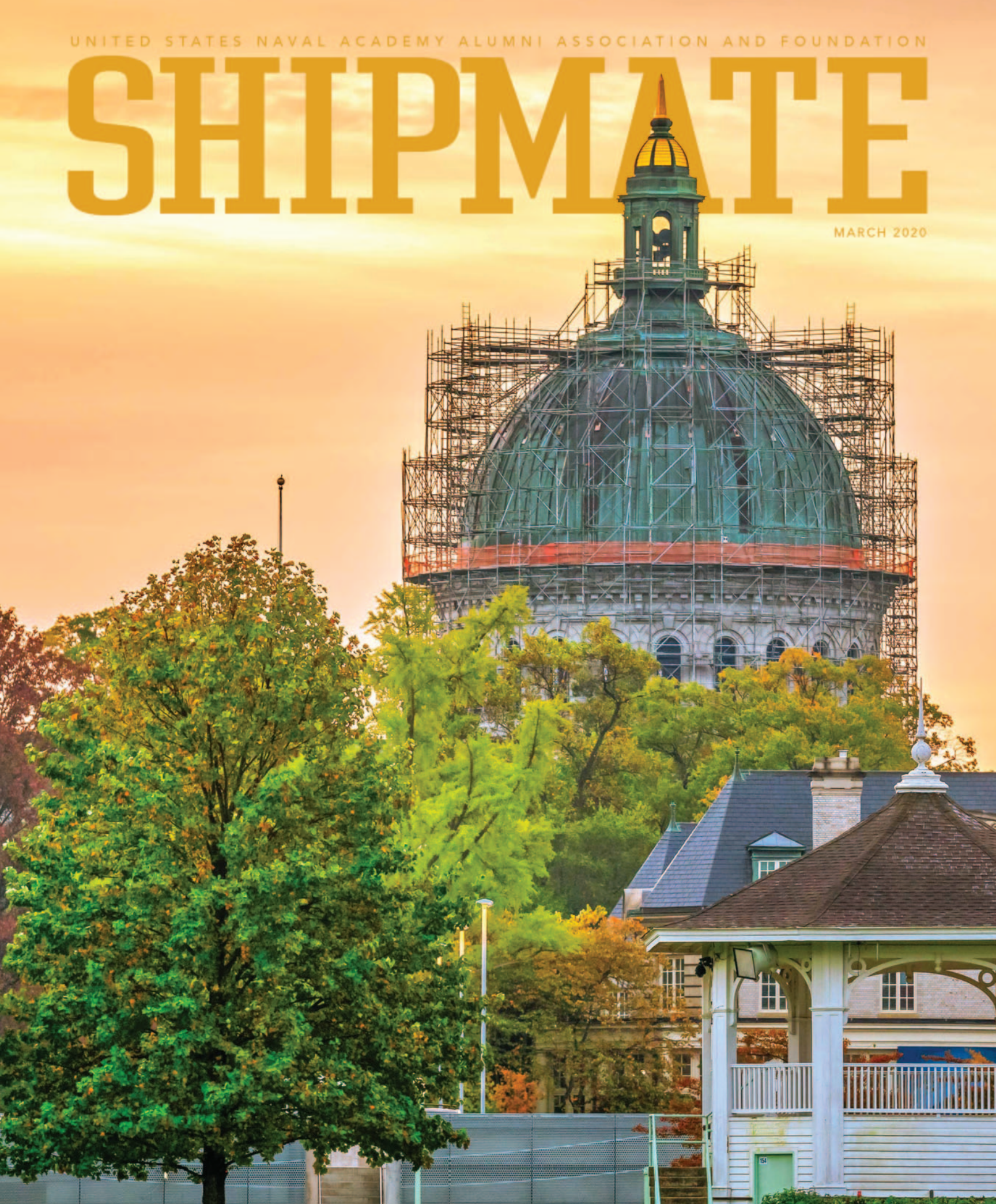


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## 65/66 CLASS NEWS

From **John Stein**, 07 Dec

✉ Had the honor today to attend the dedication, at our Military Memorial Park, of a brick walk to the memory of deceased USNA grads associated with Pensacola – those that died in training in, or died living in, Pensacola. Attached photo is a close-up of the brick memorializing **Rob Zitzewitz**. We are actively seeking the names, classes, and associated info of others who fit the criteria. Beat Army! John



From **Mitch Henderson's** Holiday Newsletter, received on 17 Dec

Mitch retired in July and started up a consulting business: Black Belt Consulting. Mitch enjoys time swimming in their pool while his wife, Jane, is into pottery. Mitch is also involved in a Peace movement (advocating spending less on the military) and heavily involved in the American Society for Plans (ASP) and plans to teach a statistics course in the winter next year.

Doug and Sharon's Holiday post card included this pic of the two of them from a Baltic Cruise they went on in 2019. Captured this in a St. Petersburg café.



Have a little space left so will plunk in a few photos from various Tail-Gates during the Navy football season.

Here's Judy Neal, Paul Reason, Dave Neal, Phil Ferrara and Sonny Harrison.



Here's John Wroten and Sonny and Judy Harrison.



Here's Frog Kristensen, Doug and Sharon Katz, Sted Garber and Jim Minderlein.



Thazzit, guys! Aloha, Dave

# '66

**Life Membership: 65%**  
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Welcome to Spring! Hope you are all thawing out. I'm writing this in mid-December, and the trend thus far has been snow, snow, snow, so I'll have to report in August how the rest of the winter went here in Colorado.

**Charlie Jones** provided a very nice piece on **Pat Buckley**.

✉ The Class of 1966 Navy-SMU Football tailgate welcomed, for the third straight year, the family of '66 Classmate **LT Pat Buckley, USN (KIA)**. During the game, the Alumni Association celebrated "Fallen Heroes Day" with a special recognition of the families of graduates lost in combat. Pat Buckley was in the 11th Company. After graduation, he went to flight school and was shot down over North Vietnam in 1969. He was carried as missing in action (MIA) for a while. His designation was later changed to killed in action (KIA). The family continues to remember him and pass on his USNA Class of 1966 legacy and Vietnam War sacrifice, to **Pat's** nieces and nephews as well as his great-nieces and nephews.

Pat's family members, who attended the '66 tailgate party and were honored at the SMU game on 23 November 2019 were: Steve Cokor, Virginia Cokor (one of Pat's two sisters), Lee Carter, Rebekah Carter, Troy Abrell, Emily Major, Jeremy Major, Vance Major, Carson Major, Aiden Major, Shannon Dailey, Kathleen Buckley Walsh (Pat's other sister), Ward Walsh, Ned Walsh, Bryn Walsh, Keely Walsh, Shea Walsh, Aivleen Walsh, Mieke Walsh Driscoll, John Driscoll, Jack Driscoll, Moseley Driscoll, Sheila Driscoll, Reid Walsh Nahass, Zachary Nahass, Sadie Nahass, and James Nahass.

Shown in the photo with **Charlie Jones** (in the middle), are several of the 27 family members in attendance at our tailgate party. Thanks for the great writeup, Charlie!



'66: CHARLIE JONES WITH PAT BUCKLEY'S FAMILY

**George Moore** checked in with an update on his happenings. Here's his latest news.

✉ Attached is a photo taken last week at the Radon radioactive material disposal site outside Moscow. I was part of a National Academy of Sciences team meeting with members of the Russian Academy of Sciences to discuss radioactive source security. This is one of the few examples of cooperation in the current turbulent times, and it was great to have the chance to be a part of it. I'm still at Middlebury Institute in Monterey as a Scientist-in-Residence. Any Classmates passing through Monterey can reach me at 831-647-4613 (office) or 510-326-7590 (cell). Thanks George. As always, great to hear from you.



**GEORGE MOORE OUTSIDE MOSCOW RUSSIA**

**Rufe Taylor** celebrated the Army-Navy game with wife Joan and provided this brief note.

✉ "The USNAAA Southern Idaho Chapter and the USMA AOG Boise



Chapter met for our annual A-N game party at a great venue with mega-sized tv screens. Half of us had a great time and enjoyed a robust rendition of our alma mater... "singing second" is always great! I have attached a picture of two Navy fans enjoying the festivities. Cheers, Rufe! Thanks, Rufe. Please note that the '33, '66, and '92 refer to Rufe's dad, Rufe, and Joan and Rufe's son Charles' Classes. Missing is their daughter Catherine's USMA Class.



RUF AND JOAN TAYLOR CHEER FOR NAVY

In closing, I will remind you that the May Class luncheon will be held in Annapolis at the Annapolis Yacht Club on Thursday, 14 May, The requested guest speaker is RADM Millard S. Firebaugh, USN (Ret.), Professor of Engineering and Practice Mechanical Engineering at the University of Maryland. Also, the Florida Comearound is 15 - 17 April in Tampa, FL; Contact Wayne Lynn if you want to attend: wrlynn66@gmail.com. Until May...All the best...Mike!!!

## '67

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Well...did you miss me? Sorry about the empty space last time. It all started with the refrigerator failing, a family emergency in Missouri, and a car wreck in that order. And...my last column just somehow fell off the table. Please accept my abject apology. By the time this is published, I will have been beaten up without mercy by many of you so this is

notice to the rest that there's still time to send me an e-mail to pile on. (See what I did there? Turned this into a pitch for input for the next column? Shameless, I know!)

Moving right on, **Rob Skrotsky** sent a note from North Carolina.

✉ Chris and I have been cruising the Chesapeake for most of the summer but returned home for a week.

On Sunday (29 Sep) the Eastern North Carolina chapter of the Alumni Association held its annual Founders Day celebration and 1967 was the predominate class; of the 17 Alumni five were from '67. The picture is of all of us and our tremendous spouses: seated Patti Kieffer, Jany Leiser, Chris Skrotsky; standing left to right John Kieffer, Ann Kunkel, Rick Kunkel, Belinda Scheber, Tom Scheber, Tom Leiser and me.

Speaking of refrigeration failure: 'Nita and **Jack Parry** moved out of their bungalow in Annapolis to an apartment on Perry Circle outside Gate 8. They had parked a small freezer at Church's house with, among other things, the top layer of their 50th wedding anniversary cake. Somehow, the freezer came unplugged and everything thawed out. Dave felt terrible, delivering the news hat in hand with a bouquet of

roses to try to ameliorate things a bit. In 'Nita's words:

✉ We told (Dave) not to worry about creating a new USNA '67 tradition as Jack left the top of our wedding cake with classmates in Pensacola when he moved back to the BOQ when I came back north to finish the semester during the month of January 1968. When Jack went to retrieve the cake top for our move to Meridian in February, he learned that '67 Ensigns had gotten hungry and eaten the cake they found in the freezer. Thus, we haven't had luck with that tradition of saving the top of cakes for a later private celebration. I think we should have cake and punch to celebrate our anniversary every 5-years to see if this '67 cake tradition continues.

I asked who the unnamed '67 Ensigns were. To the best of Jack's memory it was **Dick Pratt** and **Doug Faber**. Wonder if Doug will rise to the defense?

The Southern California Legends had their Beat Army watch party at **Norm Hapke's** house. **Soup Campbell** and **Bob Ryan** provided adult beverages. I think their enthusiasm along with that of every other living, breathing Navy fan in the world helped to very decisively turn the trend back toward Navy! **Bob Lang**,

of course, provided a photographic record. In the front row: Norm Hapke, Rich McNeal, Jack Feehan, John Kieley, Bob Ryan. Middle row: Bob Lang, Pete Burggren, Steve Andres, Soup Campbell, Steve Fisk, Warren Millard, Tim Hoffman, Bruce Wright, Budd Goodwin, Pete Phelps. And at the top: Jim Gilbert, Ray Smith.

The comments that I saw accompanying the photo are worth recording, as well. **Budd Goodwin**: *Thank you, Bob, for once again creating a masterpiece and making a bunch of surly old guys look good!*

**Warren Millard**: *Need a lot of imagination to see this crew as Trained Warriors all. Norm Hapke: Rompin' stompin' hell death and destruction. Gung Ho! And bringing it all back to earth, **Bob Ryan**: We were all "Legends" in our day, now appropriately we are "Legends in our own Minds"!!*

**Bruce Wright** provided some clarity and amplification to a past thread in previous columns:

✉ I received the latest Shipmate, and always turn to '67 Class News. Please allow me to clear up the ambiguity on pg. 71 Nov-Dec 2019. A partial answer to DUNNO, first called out on pg. 69 of the Jul-Aug 2019 Shipmate. The proper ID of DUNNO is **Pete Thompson**, aka William Elmore Thompson Jr, pg. 242 in our Lucky Bag of 1967.

He is turning over in his grave, being falsely accused of being a Vigilante driver! He was an F-4 pilot, assigned to VF-114, The Aardvarks. The sister squadron to VF-213, Buddy Goodwin's squadron. Both squadrons were assigned to CAG-11 on Kitty Hawk, CVA-63. Pete was often the duty driver to take the senior operational Naval Officer of the VN War, CTF 77, from his flagship, at the time KITTY HAWK, down to Saigon to meet with his USAF counterpart Blue Chip, Seventh Air Force.

I learned all of this as I assisted Pete and Susan in his Veterans Benefits Administration journey for disability compensation due to Agent Orange exposure. Pete, unfortunately succumbed to pancreatic failure associated with diabetes after a long, arduous, valiant struggle for 10 months and loss of 110 pounds.



'67: Eastern NC Chapter '67



'67: San Diego Army-Navy 2019