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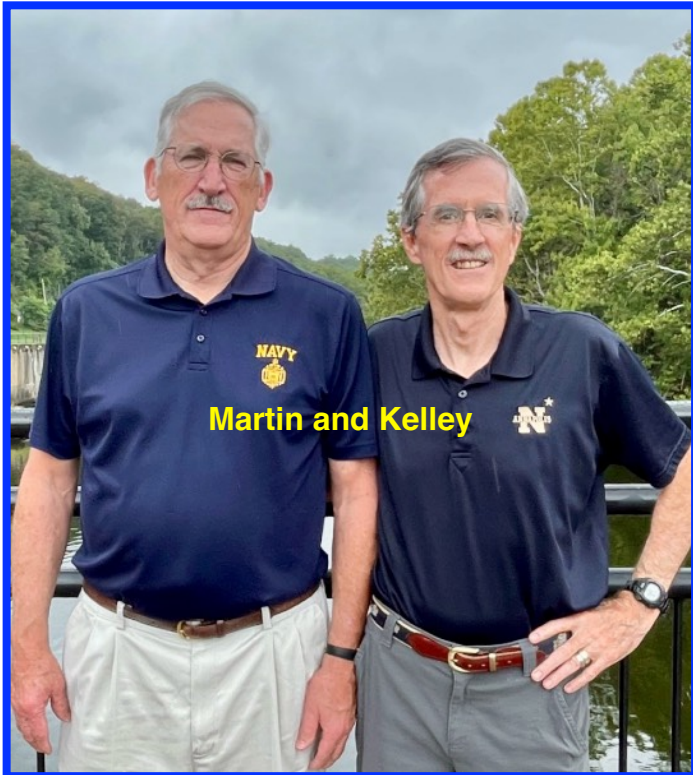
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Dear 'mates, It looks like we've survived the Dark Ages of 2024. Here in the Florida Panhandle it isn't quite as cold and dark as it was when we were in Annapolis but it was still too cold and dark for my tastes.

As we discovered last issue, more than half of the surviving members of 25th Company participated in a series of traveling mini-reunions during the summer of 2023. **Bob Giuda** and **Dave Corley** made an East Coast tour in Bob's plane. Then Company Rep **Tom Kelley** and Betty met up with **Ray Martin** and Sandy ... followed a few weeks later by a get-together with Diane and **Lunce Bass**. We didn't have room in the Jan-Feb column for all the great photos, so here are a few more from the files.



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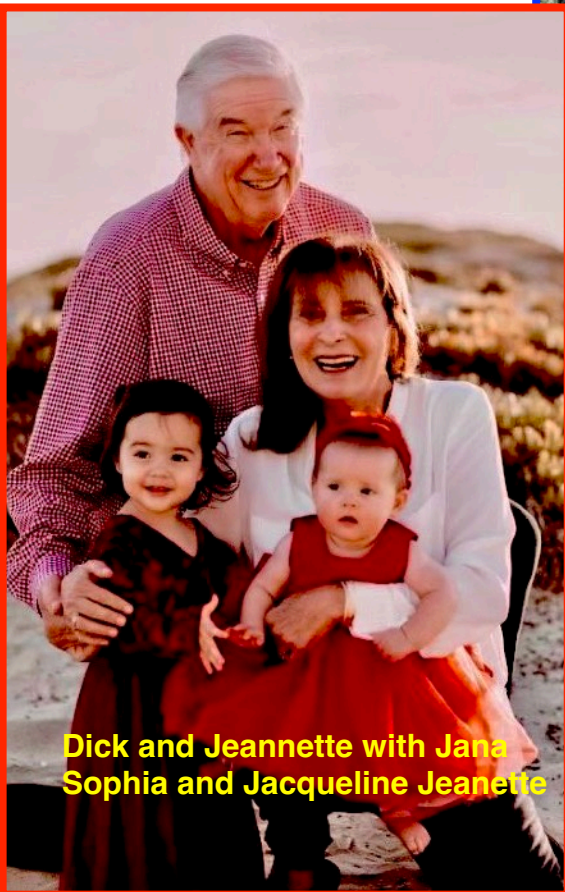


Martin and Kelley

What do good grandfathers do on a pretty winter afternoon in southern California? They take their adorable, intelligent, and talented granddaughters for a walk in the park in Coronado Cays. **Bob “Grampy” Clark** is escorting 16-month old Scout Clark Keating Sergeant. **Dick “Grandpa” Arnold** is with 7-month old Jacqueline Jeannette.



Bass and Kelley



Dick and Jeannette with Jana, Sophia and Jacqueline Jeanette



Granddaughters on a roll

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The Tig Krekel '75 Office Wing

TIG H. KREKEL
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CLASS OF 1975
OFFICE WING



The September opening of the Fluegel Hall Alumni Center (to be known to us forevermore as '75 House) was a great multi-day event. On Thursday, the Alumni Association and Foundation welcomed **Tig Krekel** and his partner Sherry to a private tour and lunch prior to the dedication and grand opening. Following a short tour of the exterior of the building, Tig and Sherry entered the main doors and were welcomed by the entire staff of the Alumni Association, the USNA Foundation, and Athletic and Scholarship Programs. The new resident staff members manned the rails of the main lobby and upper atrium to thank Tig for his donation of the office wing now housing all of them in one location.

On Friday, the Fluegel Center was officially dedicated in a ceremony held in the USNA '75 Arrival Center. Following the dedication, guests were welcomed to great tours of the facility and a view of the Plankowner Wall. We are well represented by the 104 planks donated by '75, including eight planks with gold stars recognizing our classmates killed in the line of duty.

On Saturday, there was a special event opened to all plank owners. The Flower Children showed up and enjoyed the new facility. *75 rules!* The Tig Krekel '75 Office Wing; the **Ron and Liane Nicol** Alumni Lounge; the USNA '75 Arrival Center; the USNA '75 Large Class Crest in the Alumni Garden and 104 plank owners all speak to our commitment to having '75 recognized in perpetuity. On top of all that, when **Eric Guerrazzi** saw that the wall of class rings only had a replica of a '75 ring, he donated his ring on the spot so that we are adequately represented there as well. When you are in Annapolis, please take the time to enjoy the new facility and all it has to offer.



Class of 1975 Arrival Center

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We are planning several events at the “75 House” during our 50th Reunion. Mark your calendars for 23-26 October 2025. Consider contributing to the 50th Reunion Financial Assistance Fund so that every classmate and significant other can gain access to the necessary funds to rejoin once again with the friends of our youth. 75 Sir! Larry

