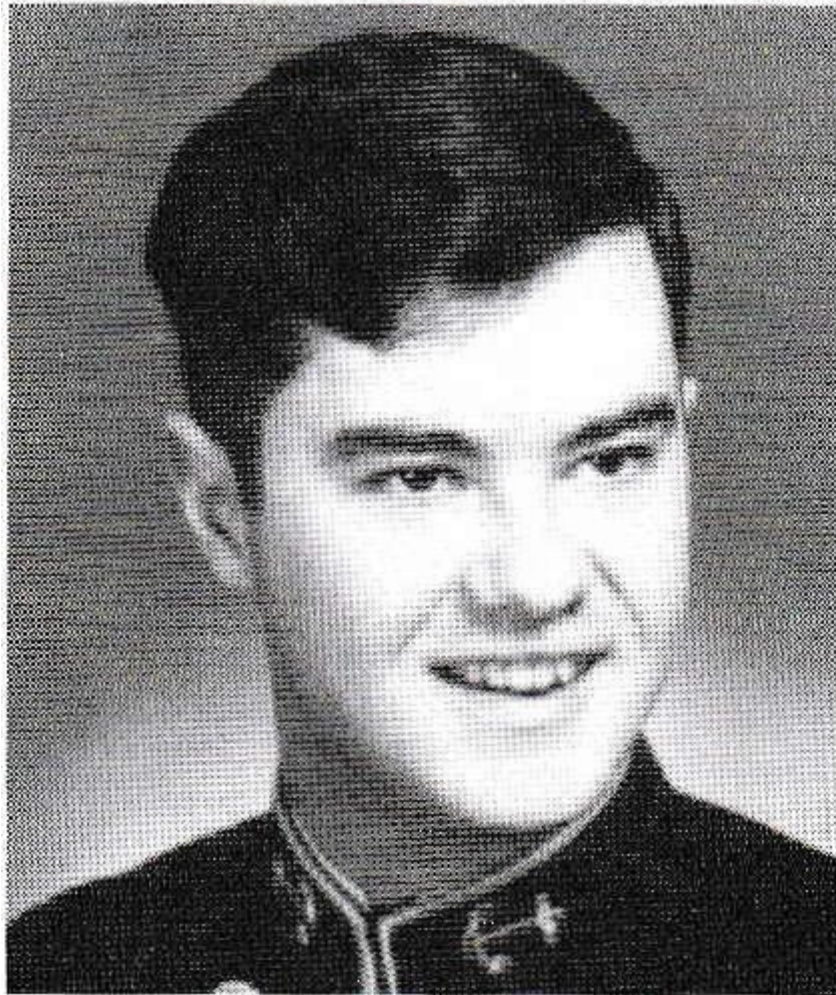


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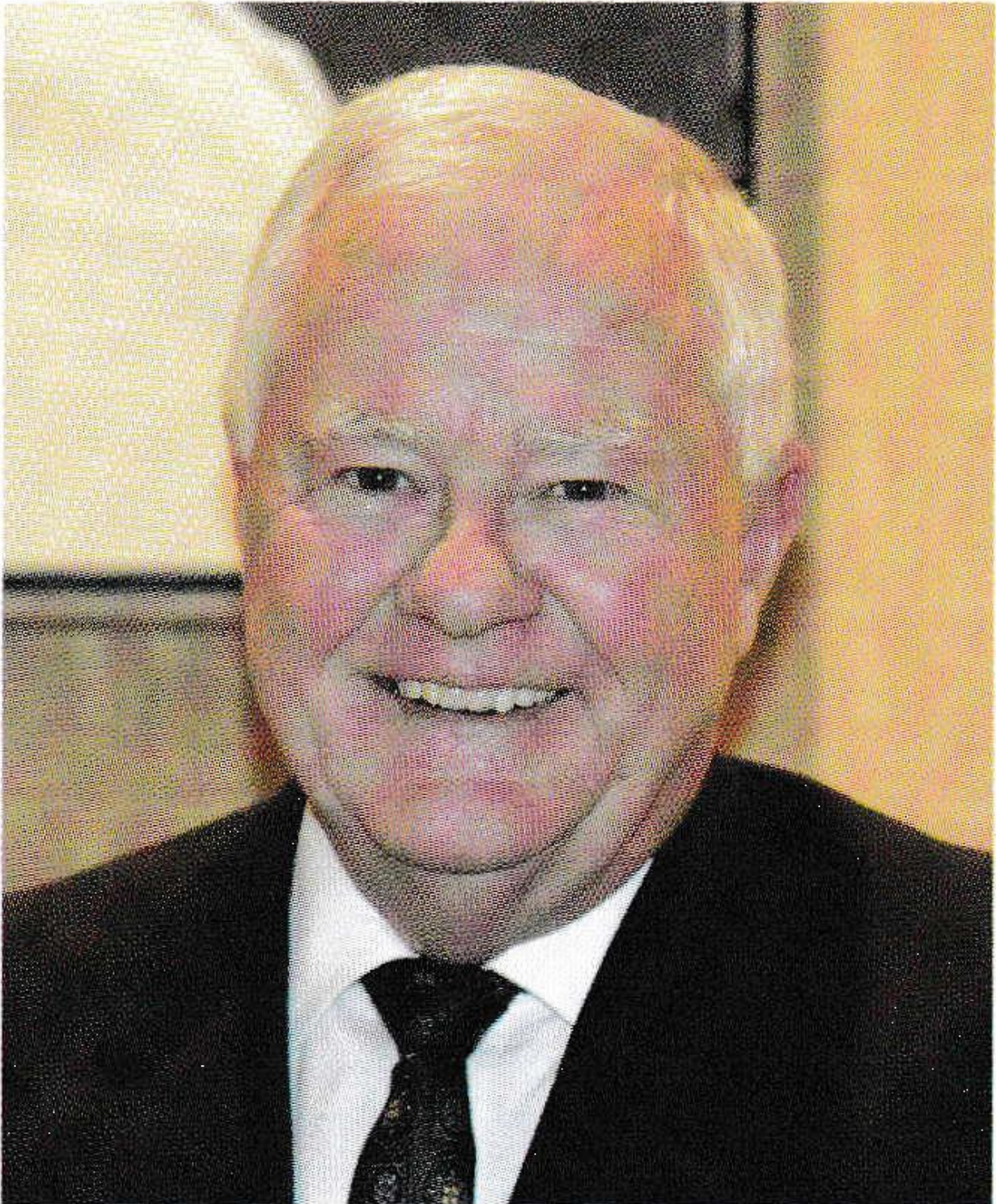
After a very interesting winter with record low and record high temperatures the area has transitioned to a very different start to spring! I'm wondering how different summer will be! There will be more Another Link in the Chain events this spring. I'm hoping my schedule accommodates participating in the Class of 2021 end of plebe year events! I'm already planning fall events!

On Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> our classmate, **Admiral Timothy "Timbo" Keating** was presented the Distinguished Graduate Award (DGA) in Alumni Hall. The audience included the Brigade of Midshipmen and DGA recipient classmates and guests. Timbo was very humbled by the recognition and expressed gratitude for the class selecting him as its first DGA recipient. Attending the ceremony to represent '71 were Jean and **Perry Martini, Chris Weaver, Mike McNallen, Pete de Vos, Tom Ledvina, and JT Morris**. Timis certainly most deserving of this award! He is still actively serving our great nation as he serves on boards and provides advice when called upon by government officials!



CAPTION: Midshipman Tim Keating – then at USNA!

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CAPTION: Admiral Tim Keating – now a DGA recipient!

Here's an update to the 47.5 year class reunion in San Diego: This will be the first Navy-Notre Dame game ever played in San Diego and will likely be a sell-out. We

have a great Headquarters at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley Hotel and multiple events planned including a Thursday Night Welcome Reception, Friday Golf Outing, Friday Night Cocktail Party, the Pre-Game Tailgate Party with USNAAA, and a Sunday Morning Farewell Brunch. There will be a free shuttle bus on Friday to San Diego sights. Saturday evening is reserved for Company events.

If you haven't done so yet, you can get all the details and register on-line at our Reunion Registration site <https://signupnow.events/usna1971/default.aspx>.

Belatedly, the Alumni Association had found two of our non-grad classmates obituaries. **Paul Starnes** passed away Thursday, March 25, 2004 at his residence. **Eric Berl Rinker, Sr.** passed away on March 1, 2011 in Hayward, CA 94544. May these two classmates rest in peace.

Too soon it's time to close. Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers for good health, healing when needed, and safety in their travels. Our classmates in leadership as well as those in volunteer organizations need our thoughts and prayers, too. For everything there is a season and a purpose. Today is the gift of "the present." Life is precious and too short –love passionately, give and share your blessings generously with others – as we are richly blessed so may we richly bless others. Remember, too, that words have the power to elevate and to destroy, so use your words carefully! Give thanks for your many blessings, especially for family and of citizenship in our great nation. As much as ever, this is the time for us to be actively shaping the future of our great nation. There is plenty of work remaining as we increase our wisdom! Time, tide and column due dates wait for no man!

Duces Virum, Duke