



USNA Columbarium Expansion Project

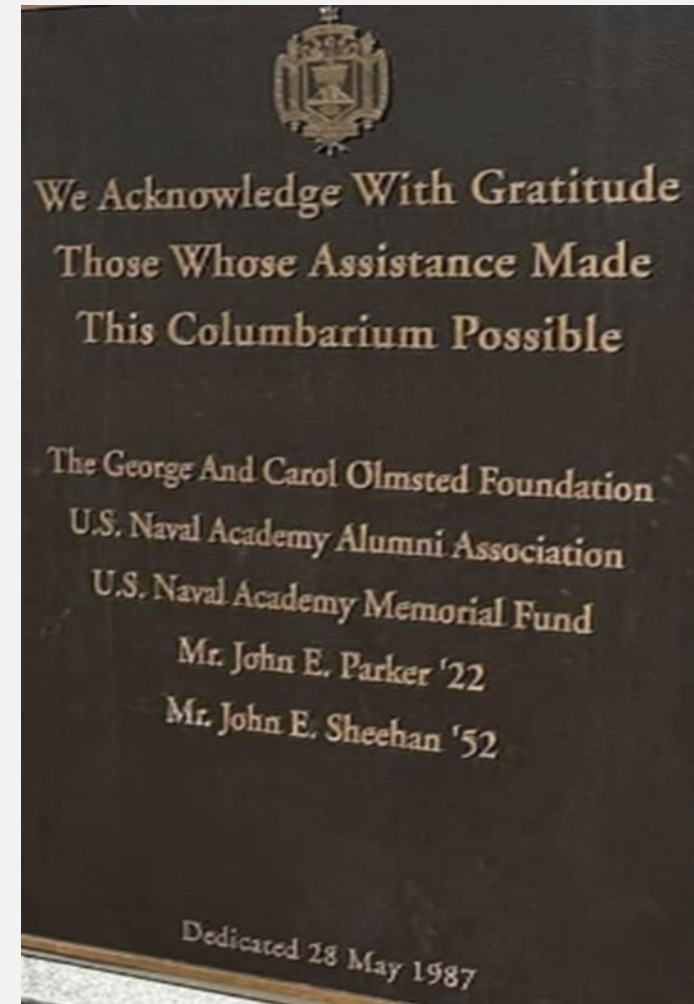
Information Deck for Class Presidents

Spring/Summer 2025

Naval Academy Columbarium History

Built through philanthropy as service to community at final bell

- Built in 1987 as a public/private partnership to serve alumni decedent needs in spirit of 'taking care of our own'.
- Principally sponsored by Alumni Association, including a major grant from the George and Carol Olmsted Foundation in memory of Jerauld L. Olmsted, Class of 1922. The Class of 1959 sponsored an Oratory and upgrades in 2004.
- No reservations – families served at time of need.
- Families pay for niche engraving and urn – no additional cost.



The Naval Academy Columbarium Today...



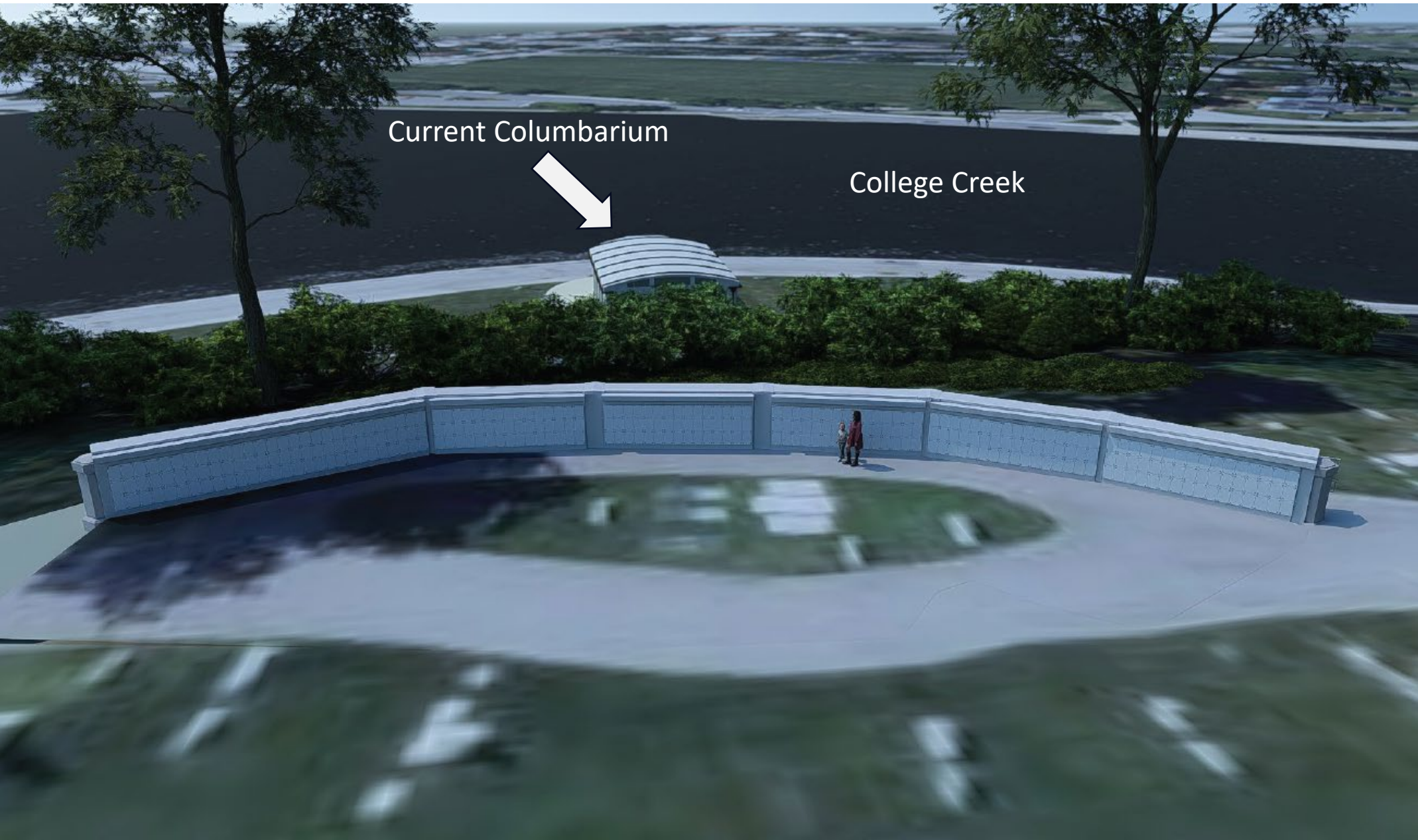
Construction on Ramsay Road to protect against sea level rise – expected completion Fall/Winter 2026

Naval Academy Columbarium – Expansion Plans

- Current Columbarium now at capacity.
- Design complete for 650-niche Annex (see **arrow** at right), exploring designs for future expansions.
- At least 18 months before new Annex will be ready after construction begins.
- Annex cannot break ground until cash in hand.



Naval Academy Columbarium – New 650-niche Annex



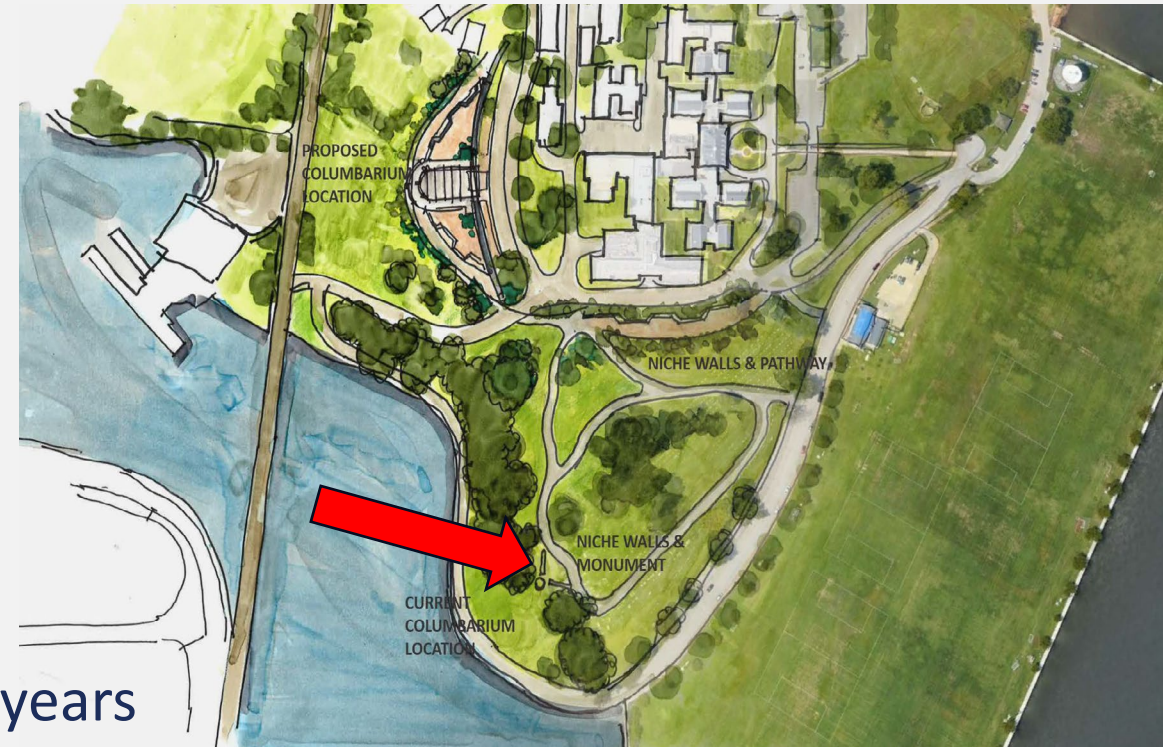
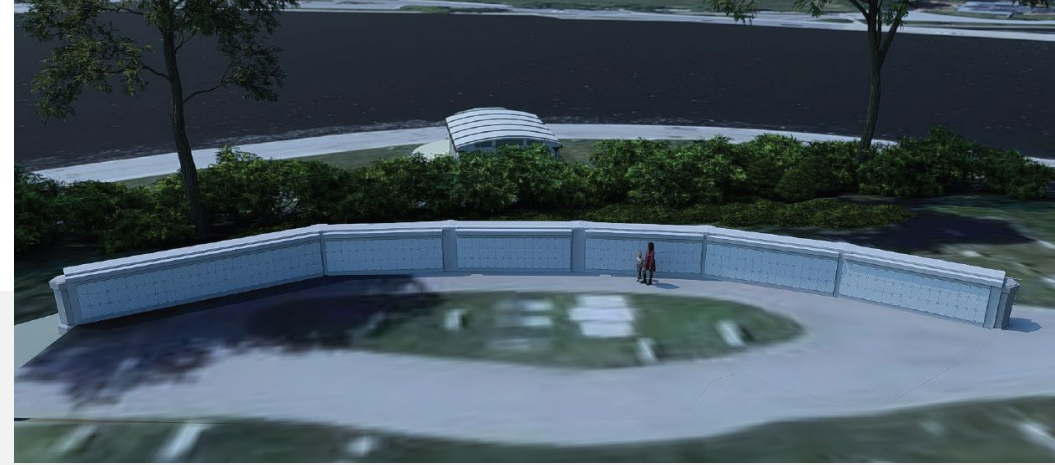
Artist rendering

Note: Actual height of new annex will be lower than rendering, to preserve view over annex to College Creek

Expansion – Annex Fundraising

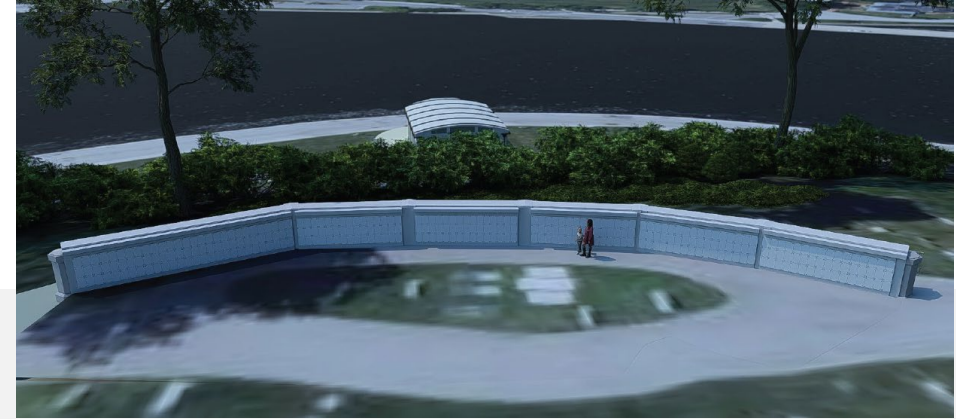
- 650-niche Annex to meet immediate need
- Must be fully gift-funded – Class of 1975 lead sponsor
- Fundraising status as of May 2025
 - \$2.5M total project cost for new annex
 - \$1.0M pledges* and cash equity on hand
 - **\$1.5M** more required to begin construction

* USNA Foundation will advance for pledges up to 5 years



Expansion – How to get involved and stay informed

- [Give now to the Columbarium Expansion Fund](#)



- [Hear from John Schofield, Jeff Beard '72 and Wes Huey '87 about the expansion project on the Sing Second Podcast \(skip to timestamp 41:50\)](#)



- [Learn more on USNA.com about scheduling memorial services on the Yard while we add capacity to the Columbarium](#)

Still Have Questions?

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