



Rick D. Clark, AIA

Rick was born in Iowa and received a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Oklahoma. Commissioned as an Ensign in the US Navy Civil Engineer Corps, he spent two tours in Vietnam with the SEABEES. Upon his return to the States, he was assigned to the Caribbean Division of Naval Facilities Engineering Command in San Juan, Puerto Rico for two years where he met his future wife, Nilsa Santiago, a native of San Juan.

Upon release from active duty, Rick traveled for 7-1/2 months throughout free Europe and across the United States. He landed in San Diego, married Nilsa in 1971 and they have resided here ever since. They have one son, Javier, and daughter-in-law, Dawne.

Rick received his architectural registration and has been a partner in the San Diego firm of Schuss Clark, An Architectural Corporation for more than 30 years.

Throughout their travels domestically and internationally, Rick has produced numerous pencil, pen & ink and watercolor drawings and paintings depicting special points of interest. Nilsa and Rick have designed and sent custom Holiday Cards to friends and family for 43 years. A series of pencil drawings depicting SEABEE activities in Vietnam are on permanent display in the national SEABEE museum, Port Hueneme, California.

They have traveled back to Puerto Rico numerous times and produced a video "Puerto Rico, The Journey" to showcase the lovely island for visitors to the House of Puerto Rico - San Diego cottage in Balboa Park.

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Join Rick for his 1-Day art exhibit at the Museum of The House of Puerto Rico on Sunday, February 15, 2015. Click [here](#) for details.