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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

# 250 YEARS OF U.S. NAVAL STRENGTH

By Jeff Webb '95

**T**his month, an important reminder to pause, reflect and honor our history comes in the form of the U.S. Navy's 250th birthday on 13 October.

We commemorate this significant milestone with gratitude for every person who has worn the uniform and made the solemn pledge to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

They stand watch so we may be free. It's an awesome responsibility. This legacy is forged through service and sacrifice.

At the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association & Foundation (USNA AA&F), we honor that legacy by supporting alumni from the moment they arrive on I-Day throughout their life's journey. We exist to provide the Brigade of Midshipmen everything needed to ensure they are ready to lead upon commissioning.

Much has changed in 250 years but while technology and society might evolve, our core values remain intact: Non sibi sed patriae.

As the Naval Academy celebrates its 180th birthday on 10 October, Lieutenant General Michael Borgschulte '91, USMC, has made history as the first Marine to serve as Superintendent. We're excited to partner with him to sustain the Academy's place as the nation's premier leadership institution.

During a 15 August change of command ceremony, Borgschulte took the reins from Vice Admiral Yvette Davids '89, USN (see story on page 22). We thank Davids for her unwavering commitment to the Academy and the Brigade of Midshipmen. Her next assignment is deputy chief of naval operations, plans, strategy and warfighting development at the Pentagon.

### MONUMENTAL MILESTONE

In 2026, *Shipmate* will commemorate 50 years of women at the Naval Academy. But that milestone would not have been possible before 7 October 1975, when President Gerald Ford signed legislation allowing women to attend service academies.

The enrollment of women at the Naval Academy opened the door of opportunity for new generations of Navy and Marine Corps officers. Beginning with the Class of 1980, nearly 7,000 women have commissioned as officers into lives of service.

The Naval Academy's next generation of leaders returned to Annapolis on 15 August with the reformation of the Brigade of Midshipmen. The USNA AA&F supported Parents' Weekend the previous week. It's always heartening seeing families reunite. These alumni are destined to continue the tradition of service and sacrifice.

On 25 October, the USNA AA&F will host a Welcome Home event at the Fluegel Alumni Center. Last year's event drew 500 attendees and this year's theme is Oktoberfest. The open house, prior to the Florida Atlantic University football



LtGen Michael Borgschulte '91, USMC, relieves VADM Yvette Davids '89, USN, as Naval Academy Superintendent on 15 August in Dahlgren Hall.

game, will feature games on the lawn, giveaways, face painting, pretzels with beer cheese and mustard and Timber Pizza will be on site serving freshly made pizza for sale. See page 10 for more details.

The Anchors Aweigh Open, the annual Alumni Golf tournament at the Naval Academy Golf Course, is scheduled for 24 October. This event is always popular and competitive. For more information, visit [www.usna.com/alumni-golf](http://www.usna.com/alumni-golf).

### DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

On 4 September, we celebrated the 2025 Naval Academy Distinguished Graduates. This year's honorees epitomize character-driven leadership in and out of uniform. We congratulate this year's class: Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert '75, USN (Ret.), Vice Admiral Anthony L. Winns '78, USN (Ret.), Captain Sunita L. Williams '87, USN (Ret.), and Joanna L. Sohovich '93.

Their selfless service is an inspiration for the entire alumni community. BZ honorees!

For more on the 2025 DGAs, please see story on page 12.

### TRANSFORMATIONAL GIFT

In August, Bruce R. Lakefield '67 and his wife, Bernadine, announced a \$10 million commitment to fund the development of a new pavilion at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. The alumni community is grateful for their leadership and generosity.

This transformative gift sets the foundation for the continued success of Navy athletics. For the full story, see page 40.

### ALUMNI SURVEY

In 2023, the USNA AA&F completed Strategic Plan 2030—a roadmap shaped by input many of you provided through a survey we conducted in 2021. Through that process we updated our mission and uncovered new ways to serve members throughout the course of their lives. Strategic Plan 2030 continues to serve as a beacon, guiding how we foster connection, support our members and communicate in meaningful ways.

We've partnered with the Boston Consulting Group to better understand how you engage with the USNA AA&F, how you view the Naval Academy's brand and what influences your philanthropic choices. We sent all alumni an anonymous survey about your impressions of USNA and how we operate to best support USNA and YOU. The insights you provided in that survey will directly inform how we evolve our communications, programs and support for the Academy and our alumni community.

Thank you for your continued support. Go Navy! Beat Army!

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The U.S. Naval Academy Distinguished Graduates Class of 2025 were honored on 4 September in Alumni Hall. Pictured from left to right are President and CEO of the USNA AAA&F Jeff Webb '95, JoAnna Sohovich '93, CAPT Sunita Williams '87, USN (Ret.), VADM Anthony Winns '78, USN (Ret.), ADM Jonathan Greenert '75, USN (Ret.), Chairman of the Alumni Association Board of Trustees ADM Mark Ferguson '78, USN (Ret.), USNA Superintendent LtGen Mike Borgschulte '91, USMC, and USNA Brigade Commander MIDN Kellen Bynes '26.

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*Bill was hanging out with Captain Jack Gillooly '45, USN (Ret.), on page 40 in the July-August 2025 issue of Shipmate.*

#### Corrections

John Robbins '68 was incorrectly identified in the 1,000 Words feature in the July-August 2025 issue of *Shipmate*.

On page 29 of the May-June 2025 issue of *Shipmate*, Rear Admiral Eugene Fluckey's name was misspelled in a photo caption.

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### Our Mission

We strengthen our MEMBERS' BONDS to the Academy and to each other, to help them THRIVE AS LEADERS in and out of uniform and reach their FULL POTENTIAL.

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#### On the Cover

The 2025 Class of Distinguished Graduates are ADM Jonathan W. Greenert '75, USN (Ret.), JoAnna L. Sohovich '93, CAPT Sunita L. Williams '87, USN (Ret.), and VADM Anthony L. Winns '78, USN (Ret.).

Photo by Mike Morgan

## FEATURE



PHOTO BY SARAH TRIMMER

The U.S. Naval Academy Distinguished Graduates Class of 2025 were honored on 4 September in Alumni Hall and recognized on 6 September during Navy's victory over UAB at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

# LIFETIME OF SERVICE

The members of the U.S. Naval Academy Distinguished Graduate Class of 2025 are models for selfless service, mentorship and moral leadership.

This year's honorees: **Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert '75, USN (Ret.)**, **Vice Admiral Anthony L. Winns '78, USN (Ret.)**, **Captain Sunita L. Williams '87, USN (Ret.)**, and **JoAnna L. Sohovich '93** exemplify the Academy's mission. They reached the highest levels of their professions and are dedicated to ensuring the Brigade of Midshipmen has world-class facilities, programming, mentoring and the necessary resources to deliver unparalleled leadership development opportunities.

The 2025 Class of Distinguished Graduates have made significant impacts through their service in uniform, board rooms and the International Space Station. Their legacies will

endure as future generations benefit from their guidance, leadership and philanthropy.

This year, *Shipmate* asked the Distinguished Graduates to share some of their experiences and leadership advice in the form of a Q&A to accompany their stories.

Originally, the 2025 Distinguished Graduate Class was scheduled to be honored in March. However, Williams' nine-month delayed return from the International Space Station put the ceremony on hold until 4 September when all honorees could be celebrated together.

For more on the 2025 Distinguished Graduate Award medal ceremony, including video coverage and complete honoree biographies, visit [www.usna.com/dga](http://www.usna.com/dga) or scan this QR Code:



# CAPTAIN SUNITA "SUNI" L. WILLIAMS '87, USN (RET.)



Captain Williams' extended mission on the International Space Station provided an extraordinary platform for her to further inspire future generations of astronauts.

Williams and fellow astronaut Barry Wilmore launched on the Boeing Starliner on 5 June 2024 for a planned eight-day stay on the space station. That brief mission turned into nine months in space as a thruster malfunction delayed the astronaut duo's return to Earth until 19 March 2025.

Williams, who became an astronaut in 1998, has made three trips to the space station. She is one of two women to command the space station twice, and one of five U.S. astronauts with more than 500 days in space.

The former helicopter pilot is generous with her time and regularly shares her experiences with midshipmen and has participated in the Naval Academy's annual Astronaut

Convocation. She created a weekly "Astro Suni Blog" with photos of the space station and details of her work so aspiring astronauts could gain insights of life in space. Williams also spoke with school children around the world during her space tours.

"She is arguably NASA's No. 1 recruiter nationally, and most certainly at the institution that has produced 55 astronauts, more than any other in the nation," said classmates Rear Admiral William D. Byrne '87, USN, and his wife, Amy Byrne '87, in Williams' DGA nomination package.

Williams was the featured guest at an underwater robotics competition (SeaPerch) for school-aged children sponsored by the Naval Academy Alumni Association's Texas Gulf Coast Chapter in 2023. As the third of the Naval Academy's five women astronauts, Williams has played an instrumental role as mentors for her successors Colonel Nicole Mann '99, USMC, and Lieutenant Commander Kayla Barron '10, USN.

"(They) were taught, coached and mentored by Suni throughout the application, selection and training process," the Byrnes wrote. "More than that, they were inspired by Suni. In Kayla's words, 'Suni has been a role model and mentor, so enthusiastic and encouraging throughout. Her positivity,



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## FEATURE



**CAPT Sunita L. Williams '87, USN (Ret.),** is one of two women to command the International Space Station twice. She has spent more than 500 days in space and is a regular participant at the Astronaut Convocation at the Naval Academy.

teamwork, humility, selflessness and leadership made a huge difference in getting me ready for my first mission.”

As a varsity swimmer and cross-country athlete at the Naval Academy, Williams earned six varsity letters. She captained the swim team her firstie year before commissioning into naval aviation. She flew in operations Desert Shield and Provide Comfort (1990-91) and led an H-46 detachment for post-Hurricane Andrew support (1992). She logged more than 3,000 hours in 30+ aircraft as a test pilot.

On her first space expedition (December 2006–June 2007), Williams spent 197 days in space, setting records for the most spacewalk time by a woman and the longest single spaceflight by a woman. During her second space expedition (July–November 2012), she took command of the space station.

She was the pilot on the first Boeing CST-100 crew flight test to the space station, becoming the first woman to fly a test flight on an orbital spacecraft.

### How did the lessons you learned at the Naval Academy prepare you for your time in space?

**Williams:** Things are unpredictable in the fleet or any military service. You have to be adaptable. Honor. Courage. Commitment. The standard baseline from what we learned at the Naval Academy, how we conduct ourselves and be ready to go with the flow and be okay with that. You make the best of the situation. The foundation I learned from the Academy, as well as playing sports at the Academy teaches you to adapt and be ready to take the situation where it's going to take you.

I struggled academically at the Naval Academy. Sometimes, you need to pivot and make the best of the situation. My career was the same way. There were things I thought I wanted to do or accomplish. The road didn't take me there and I needed to turn and do something else. Unbeknownst to me, that opens a

lot of doors. The lessons learned about being resilient through those types of activities where maybe one would say it's failure. You keep your head up, take a step forward and continue on, you might find new opportunities.

This was the same thing, being on the space station. What a great mission to be on a test flight of the first flight of Starliner. To be on the space station gave us opportunities to talk to a lot of people about tests and how to test the next generation of spacecraft as we leave low-earth orbit. It's a great opportunity if you look at it that way. Just press on. The Naval Academy prepared me to do that.

### How did you adapt during your longer-than anticipated space station stay?

**Williams:** We are prepared one way or the other. We, of course, planned on being a short test flight. A test flight could lead to new discovery so we had an idea it might be a little bit longer than advertised. In the lead up to our flight, we wanted to make sure we were prepared to live on the space station. We brought all of our space walking equipment with us. We made sure we were ready to go for robotics. We made sure we had all of the station systems under our belts.

Preparedness and commitment were the two mainstays of our time up there. As the summer progressed and we understood more about the difficulty of the decision of whether or not we would or would not come home on Starliner, your mind sort of shifts. It's sort of like a deployment where you think you're going to come home and something happens in the world and your ship takes a right turn rather than a left turn to head back home.

You have to have that mindshift and understand that with the skills I have, I prepared as best as I could. I'm ready to ask questions, ready to learn some more and I'm ready to take on this new role as a long-duration crew member on the International Space Station.

It was an honor to become the station commander. I'd been up there before but integrating our crew, which I had not really worked with before, was really a joy and a pleasure. It's the people that make it the best.

### What does being a leader and a mentor mean to you, particularly among the Naval Academy astronaut community?

**Williams:** That's our goal. You want to maintain your career and finish out your career making sure someone is going to fill your shoes and do everything better than you did. That's the main goal. It's super cool to interact with junior officers—Lieutenant Commander Kayla Barron, Colonel Nicole Mann and Commander Jack Hathaway '04, USN. It's really awesome to see them flourish and see them grow. I try to be a good role model.

When I was at the Naval Academy, women weren't in combat at that time but I said, there are still roles for us to play and roles for us to do the best we can. I took that feeling and that idea with me as I went into the fleet. There were only two women in my first helicopter squadron. You're setting the pace

and how everything will be in the future. You have to do the best you can and know others are going to come in behind you.

One of my most precious memories at the Naval Academy was being a summer squad leader. Those plebes were nervous as the Brigade was coming back. I took them on a jog. I asked them, 'Are you going to follow me everywhere?' They said, 'Yes ma'am.' I jumped off the sea wall into the Severn River. They all jumped in after me. You are working for the people who are working with you and for you. That's the most important thing. When I was on my disassociated sea tour, one of the biggest lessons I learned was you really have to pay a little bit more attention to the people who work for you than the people you work for. You have to take care of your troopers, and they'll take care of you.

### What got you on your life's trajectory?

**Williams:** We are shaped by a lot of things. My father immigrated to the United States from India. He had nothing. He met my mother who was working as an X-ray technician in Cleveland. My father had just finished medical school and was doing his residency. I look at what they did as a young couple and leaving their home country. Those are really brave things and what I've done pales in comparison. They were great role models in encouraging me, my brother and sister to take chances—you don't have to stick with the status quo. Get out there and do what you need to do to make yourself successful.

Being a competitive swimmer also shaped me. Swimming is a team sport. You never went out there just to win for yourself. You went out to get points for your team. It taught you work ethic—trying stuff and not being afraid to fail.

## JoANNA L. SOHOVICH '93



JoAnna Sohovich's competitive spirit transcended the U.S. Naval Academy's offerings for women in the Class of 1993. Although she was a member of the Academy's varsity cross country, indoor track and outdoor track teams, she and her roommate decided to join the men's boxing team in their final semester because they had only been offered fencing as part of the PE curriculum.

"This says a lot about JoAnna's true grit, spirit and character—as a midshipman, an executive and an alumna," said recently retired Navy Athletic Director Chet Gladchuk in Sohovich's Distinguished Graduate nomination package.

Regardless of the sport, Sohovich is a devoted supporter of Navy athletics. She is an Athletic & Scholarship Programs (A&SP) trustee and serves on the Women for Navy Athletics (WFNA) committee. Sohovich's "corporate expertise and clear vision played a key role in helping to rally women graduates and supporters around the Naval Academy's physical mission, including sports team reunions and nutrition stations around the Yard," Gladchuk said.

Now in its ninth year, the WFNA committee's initiative is designed to support the physical mission at USNA by providing support to key initiatives within the NAAA. They aim to engage and strengthen the connection of women Naval Academy graduates, midshipman student-athletes, families and friends in support of the NAAA's physical mission priorities. The

committee has raised about \$1.5 million in cash since its inception, with total commitments bringing the overall impact to \$2 million.

As a WFNA co-founder, Sohovich was involved in crafting the refueling nutrition station and staffing strategy and sponsored one of the busiest stations, the Sohovich Refueling Station in Lejeune Hall. The station serves as a gathering place on campus for midshipman athletes to receive healthy beverages and snacks throughout the day.

Sohovich, a supply corps officer, was deployed to the Persian Gulf aboard *ESSEX*, an amphibious assault ship, as one of the first women following the repeal of the combat exclusion policy.

In the private sector, Sohovich held executive leadership positions at global companies such as Chamberlain Group, Stanley Black & Decker and Honeywell. As Chamberlain CEO, she led more than 8,000 employees representing multiple countries and cultures and was responsible for the multi-billion dollar business during its remarkable technology transformation.

She also served as president of Honeywell's security and communications business, where her team pioneered early mobile phone security system applications and video notifications.

In addition to her A&SP and WFNA service, Sohovich also serves on the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation Board of Directors and has been assigned to numerous foundation board and joint alumni association board committees and projects. Specifically, Ron Terwilliger '63 said Sohovich's business experience made her a valuable member on the joint Naval Academy Alumni Association & Foundation's 2030 Strategic Planning committee.

"She made significant contributions to the strategy and helped bridge Alumni Association and Foundation strategies," Terwilliger said in the nomination package. "JoAnna's

## 87/87 CLASS NEWS

# '87

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Hello Classmates,

It is always a bit surreal writing these columns two months before you receive them. As I write, we are all enjoying summer weather, barbecues, baseball, steamed crabs... and I-day! By the time you read this, the World Series will be in the rear-view mirror, and we will be thinking about Navy Football! Enjoy the fall weather, and...Go Navy!!

Congratulations to our two newest parents of midshipmen, **Bobby Wehman**, **Scott Herbener**, and their wives! Both sent proud girl-dad updates with lots of photos for you to enjoy.

**Bobby Wehman**'s daughter, Blair, will be swimming for Navy and is in Bravo Company 3rd Platoon this summer.



Bobby Wehman with daughter, Blair, a newly inducted plebe, and family

**Scott Herbener** went all out to capture the day in photos and prose.

✉ "Well, my second I-Day was so much better than my first (which may have had something to do with having ready access to coffee, air conditioning, beer and crab cakes this time around). My daughter, Addie (36th Platoon) and **Bobby Wehman**'s daughter, Blair (3rd Platoon) are Classmates in '29! Bobby and I met up just before the Supe's brief

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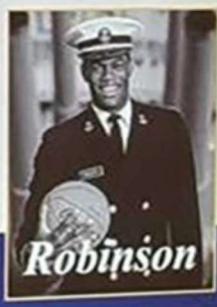
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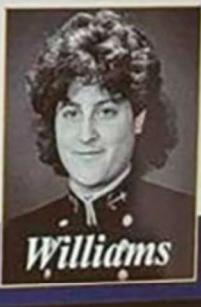
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'87: I-Day highlights of notable graduates - 33% from the Class of 1987!



Scott Herbener and Bobby Wehman at the Supe's brief on I-day for their daughters



Scott Herbener, Wes Huey and son, Evan.



Scott Herbener and Bill Hamblet



'87: (L to R) Front: Adrienne Marks Griffen; Susan Davis Sutter; Stacey Headley Noem; Erica Miles Smith; Nancy Springer; Clare Amy Walker; Rear: Diana Farraday Foster; Robin Young Noyes; Mercedes Welch and Katherine Allen Donovan.



Paul Bevans... from the wayback machine

The day culminated with the Oath of Office on Worden Field (also not T-Court if anyone is counting). Afterward, we had about 45 mins to visit & talk with our Plebe. Family pics were taken, hugs and encouragement were dispensed, pride swelled, tears were shed, and just like that, the Adventure begins! Fair Winds and Godspeed, Class of 2029 — keep your eyes in the boat!



The Herbener Family with their freshly minted Plebe, Addie '29

**Adrienne Griffen** reports that a group of USNA '87 ladies recently got together to bid a fond farewell to **Stacey Headley Noem** as she relocates from Northern Virginia to Erie, PA. Thank you to **Susan Davis Sutter** for hosting!

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**Dutch Bertholf (11th co.)** writes in:

✉ We had a mini 11th Company '88 gathering in Whitefish, MT this May hosted by Dan and Beth Hebert.



'88: Pictured in the photo from L to R: BT and Laura Alexander, Dan and Beth Hebert, Dutch and Alida Bertholf, Jen and Dave Maxwell and Rob and Laura Lee Curran.

Hiking, flyfishing, ebike riding, rodeo, beer/wine/whiskey drinkin', desert eating and tall-tale telling were among the highlights.

We had a blast. Can't wait for our next gathering. Semper Fi and Geaux Navy, Dutch.

**Patrick Studer (21st co)** shares news of his roommate's passing:

✉ Dear Class of 1988, Roommate. Marine. Fellow Arkansan. Loyal Friend. **Bob Honeycutt (21 co.)**, died on 24 June 2025 following a yearlong battle with leukemia.

I've lost friends over the years – as I am sure we all have – but Bob's passing struck a different chord with me. Perhaps it was because we spent so much time together after being scrambled into the same company after Plebe year. I dare say that I have few memories of those three years that do not include **Bob Honeycutt** and **Rich Bomhold**. His infectious laugh and hysterical stories always made him a pleasure to be around.

Like most others, I did not know that he was ill until Jamie, his wife of 37 years, called to let us know on the day he passed. In typical Bob fashion, he did not want everyone knowing about his illness. He wanted things to be as normal as possible. While I understand and agree with that decision, as one who loved Bob, I would have enjoyed one last visit and a chance to reminisce about our time together... and a chance to say goodbye.

Bob's funeral was an opportunity to remember the good times and have a good laugh about things about which I had not thought for some time. I did have the opportunity to reconnect with a dear friend, **Tom Cleary (8th co.)**, who flew in from Philadelphia for the funeral. It was like a time machine. It's amazing how you pick up right where you left off ... even many years later.

I will miss Bob, but am thankful for the time we spent together at the Academy – as I am thankful for the time that was spent with all of you, my classmates.

Goodbye, Bob, and thank you for the memories! Semper Fi, buddy.

## LAST CALL

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| <b>Terence Edward Richardson '65</b><br>7 June 2025                              | <b>Algimantas Vasiliauskas '68 ■</b><br>3 August 2025                     | <b>Thomas Joseph O'Connor Jr. '75</b><br>CAPT, USN (Ret.)<br>7 July 2025 | <b>Mark Blair Dunleavy '88</b><br>11 July 2025                           |
| <b>Edward Ivey Futch '66 ■</b><br>CAPT, USN (Ret.)<br>8 August 2025              | <b>Barry Michael Amos '69</b><br>12 June 2025                             | <b>Joseph Michael Russell '75 ■</b><br>7 June 2025                       | <b>Robert W Honeycutt Jr. '88</b><br>24 June 2025                        |
| <b>Ronald Kenneth Gurley '66</b><br>LCDR, USNR<br>17 June 2025                   | <b>Gary Elwood Beers '69</b><br>6 June 2025                               | <b>Gregory John Cornish '77 ■</b><br>CAPT, USN (Ret.)<br>28 June 2025    | <b>Andrew Louis Shaw '88</b><br>Maj, USMC (Ret.)<br>26 July 2025         |
| <b>Walter William Jacobe '66</b><br>20 January 2025                              | <b>Thomas James McKeon '69</b><br>7 November 2024                         | <b>Donald Joseph Link '77</b><br>LCDR, USNR<br>22 April 2025             | <b>Matthew Walker Maloney '91</b><br>16 July 2025                        |
| <b>Donald Frank Lathen '66</b><br>CAPT, USNR (Ret.)<br>3 August 2025             | <b>Paul Arthur Swanson '69 ■</b><br>CDR, USNR (Ret.)<br>28 May 2025       | <b>Arthur Steven McRae '79</b><br>22 June 2025                           | <b>Keith Perry Reams '91</b><br>CDR, USN (Ret.)<br>15 April 2025         |
| <b>Ricard Ward Martin '66</b><br>14 August 2025                                  | <b>Royal William Connell Jr. '70 ■</b><br>CDR, USN (Ret.)<br>18 June 2025 | <b>David Richard Whittaker '79</b><br>8 July 2025                        | <b>Michael John Louis Rigo '91</b><br>CAPT, USNR (Ret.)<br>5 August 2025 |
| <b>Daryl Paul Weyen '66</b><br>27 July 2025                                      | <b>Ronald Ray Pope '70</b><br>2 August 2025                               | <b>Paul Frederick Gentle '81</b><br>12 March 2025                        | <b>Cara Melissa Albright '96</b><br>7 July 2025                          |
| <b>Jon Leslie Cook '67</b><br>CAPT, USN (Ret.)<br>8 August 2025                  | <b>John Alexander Jensen '71</b><br>LCDR, USN (Ret.)<br>12 June 2025      | <b>Steven Lee Richter '81</b><br>CAPT, USN (Ret.)<br>11 July 2025        | <b>Thomas John Costello '05 ■</b><br>8 July 2025                         |
| <b>Howard Russell Renzi '67</b><br>30 July 2025                                  |   |  | <b>Elisha Earl Dawson '18</b><br>ENS, USN<br>13 June 2025                |



### WALTER ERNEST MARQUARDT '49

Captain Walter Marquardt, CEC, USN (Ret.), passed away on 12 July 2025.

Born on 28 September 1926 in Cayuga, ND, Walter graduated from high school in Wahpeton and immediately enlisted in the Navy. He attended Boot Camp in Farragut, ID, and received a SecNav appointment to the Naval Academy Class of 1949.

Walter graduated With Distinction and was commissioned in the Civil Engineer Corps.

He attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, receiving a BS in Civil Engineering. After completing Seabee tours in the Philippines, Washington,

DC, and Pasadena, he again attended RPI, receiving a MS in Management. This was followed by duty in Guantanamo Bay and Newport, RI. He was an instructor in the management department at the Naval Postgraduate School; became Officer-in-Charge of Construction in Guam; served at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command; and attended the Naval War College. After a tour with the Third Naval Construction Brigade in Vietnam, he became CO of the Chesapeake Division, NavFacEngCom, and deputy Commander for Facilities Acquisition at Headquarters.

Walter's awards include the Legion of Merit w/Combat V and Gold Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation and various World War II and Vietnam campaign and service medals.

After retiring in 1978, he joined Gilbane Building Company as a construction executive. Key assignments included Strategic Petroleum