

Alumni Association Honors Distinguished Graduates

The U.S. Naval Academy, in conjunction with the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association, is pleased to honor the 2001 recipients of the Distinguished Graduate Award. These men are special because of their selfless service. Their service and legacy bind us to the past traditions while reinforcing the highest standards for the future.

The Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy, Vice Admiral John R. Ryan '67, will host celebrations of our distinguished graduates on 21-22 September. Our distinguished graduates will review a dedication parade by the Brigade of Midshipmen, be honored at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium during half-time of the Navy-Boston College football game, and will be guests of honor at an award ceremony to be held in Memorial Hall. The recipients of this third annual award, announced in March, are: Captain John W. Crawford Jr. '42, USN (Ret.), Admiral William J. Crowe Jr. '47, USN (Ret.), Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale '47, USN (Ret.), Admiral James D. Watkins '49, USN (Ret.), and Captain James A. Lovell Jr. '52, USN (Ret.).

The Distinguished Graduate Award is given annually to graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy whose character, distinguished military and civilian service, and stature embody the qualities that the U.S. Naval Academy strives to imbue in all its graduates. The Distinguished Graduate Award has a purpose of identifying to the public, and to the Brigade of Midshipmen, the broad significance of the Naval Academy as one of the nation's cherished institutions.

Some of our distinguished graduates have multiple titles. Jack Crawford can be addressed as Captain or The Honorable. Bill Crowe rightly can be addressed as Admiral or Ambassador. Jim Watkins can be called Admiral or Mr. Secretary. But whatever title our distinguished graduates go by, we all can be proud to call them fellow alumni.

"These men are an integral part of our history and this award gives us the opportunity to recognize the commitment they have made to their country and the significant contributions to their Naval Academy," said George P. Watt Jr. '73, president and CEO of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association.

These distinguished graduates have demonstrated their lifetime commitments to our nation, the armed forces, and the Naval Academy. From around the country and across varying careers, these graduates are recognized for their unique achievements and their expressions of support for the school that sent them forth.

"We are proud of all our graduates and this is especially true of Captain Crawford, Admiral Crowe, Vice Admiral Stockdale, Admiral Watkins, and Captain Lovell. Their service and dedication to the United States will not be forgotten and this is our opportunity to say 'thank you,'" said Naval Academy Superintendent Vice Admiral John Ryan '67.



The Honorable John W. Crawford Jr. '42



John Crawford has lived a life of service to his nation and the Naval Academy. After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1941 with the wartime accelerated Class of '42, then-Ensign Crawford went to sea on YORKTOWN (CV-5), and was on board her when she was sunk during the Battle of Midway. Captain Crawford

then served as assistant gunnery officer of SANTEE (CVE-29) and assistant engineering officer of BROOKLYN (CL-40).

After the war, Captain Crawford became an engineering duty officer and began a long career in nuclear power. In the early 1950s, Captain Crawford served in the Naval Reactors Branch, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. He was the assistant project officer for the land-based prototype of the Nautilus reactor. This was the beginning of a career that encompassed Navy nuclear power "at the creation," and into its future. Captain Crawford held a variety of positions of ever-increasing responsibility, culminating with his final Navy tour as Deputy Manager, Naval Reactors, Atomic Energy Commission, and Deputy Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Ships. He retired from the Navy in 1963 with the rank of captain.

Captain Crawford continued to serve his country out of uniform as well. The expertise he developed in the Navy on nuclear power was a critical asset to the Atomic Energy Commission, its successor, the Energy Research and Development Administration, and its successor, the Department of Energy (DOE). At DOE, Captain Crawford was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and was the chairman of the DOE committee that comprehensively reviewed the safety of reactors after the Three Mile Island incident.

Captain Crawford retired from DOE in 1981 and entered the private sector, but he answered the call to duty again when President George H.W. Bush selected him to be a board member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board from 1989-1996. Congress established this board to provide independent external oversight of work at all Department of Energy nuclear weapon facilities, to upgrade nuclear safety and technical expertise.

Captain Crawford continues to give back to the Naval Academy and the nation. He has been instrumental in the perpetuation of the history and significance of the Battle of Midway. Supporting Vice Admiral Houser '42, he has been actively involved in Midway Night celebrations at the U.S. Naval Academy, and in the establishment of the Midway Essay Contest.

Highlights of Captain Crawford's history of service to country are:

- 22 years as a naval officer; a total of 49 years of public service
- Served aboard YORKTOWN (CV-5), SANTEE (CVE-29), and BROOKLYN (CL-40)

- Served as technical manager, field representative, and deputy manager, naval reactors for naval nuclear propulsion program, including three years as deputy to Admiral Rickover for selection and training of personnel for all naval nuclear power programs
- Joined the Atomic Energy Commission (predecessor to the Department of Energy) after retiring from the Navy; held many key positions including Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy in the Department of Energy
- Received two Exceptional Service Medals from the Department of Energy and the Chairman's Award from the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
- Retired from the board in 1996 but continues to play a role in nuclear energy management
- Throughout his career when needs arose for nuclear personnel, Crawford urged recruitment from among experienced Naval Academy graduates
- As senior representative of naval reactors at Newport News Shipyard, Crawford was responsible to Admiral Rickover for all naval nuclear activities there including nuclear plants in the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier ENTERPRISE and the first nuclear submarines: the ballistic missile submarine ROBERT E. LEE and the attack submarine SHARK
- Former Blue and Gold Officer
- Spoke and lectured at the Naval Academy on management and nuclear power
- Arranged a Washington, DC, area lacrosse clinic conducted by Navy lacrosse coaches and players while he was a volunteer lacrosse coach at St. Johns College High School in the capital
- Education: two master's degrees from MIT: naval construction and engineering (1946), physics (1950)
- Annual Member, USNA Alumni Association

statesman brings all his knowledge and experience to the Yard to teach midshipmen as he was taught more than 50 years ago.

Admiral Crowe's illustrious career is highlighted below:

- More than 50 years of public service
- Commanded TROUT and Submarine Division 31
- Assistant naval aide to President Dwight D. Eisenhower (1954-1955)
- Served in Vietnam as Senior Naval Advisor to the Vietnamese Navy Riverine Force
- Commanded U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf (1975-1976)
- Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Plans and Policy
- Commander, Allied Forces, Southern Europe (1980-1983)
- Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command (1983-1985)
- 11th Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff under President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush (1985-1989)
- Chairman, President Ronald Reagan's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (1993-1994)
- After retirement was a senior counselor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, U.K. (1994-1997)
- Chairman, Department of State Accountability Review Board, examining and reporting on the embassy bombings in Dar es Salaam and Nairobi (1998-1999)
- Professor of geopolitics at the University of Oklahoma; Shapiro Professor of International Affairs at George Washington University; Olin Fellow Chair in the political science department at the Naval Academy teaching "Security Decision Making"
- Co-author of *The Line of Fire* (1993) and *Reducing Nuclear Danger: The Road Away from the Brink*
- Chairman of the Board of Advisors, Global Options
- Board of Directors, Merrill Lynch, Texaco, General Dynamics, Norfolk & Southern, and Pfizer
- Trustee, Princeton University
- Received the Presidential Medal of Freedom
- Sponsors the William J. Crowe Chair in the Economics of Defense Management at the Naval Academy
- Education: master's degree in education from Stanford University, doctorate in politics from Princeton University
- Former President, Class of 1947
- Board of Directors, U.S. Naval Academy Foundation
- Life Member, USNA Alumni Association

Admiral William J. Crowe Jr. '47



Admiral Crowe has lived a storied life of service to our nation. Warrior, diplomat, nuclear engineer, doctorate in politics; Admiral Crowe is a true "Renaissance Man." He has held the highest position in our military, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and has been an ambassador to our closest ally, Great Britain.

Admiral Crowe was marked for success early in life. He was the assistant naval aide to President Eisenhower from 1954 to 1955, and went on to command TROUT, and Submarine Division 31. He served in Vietnam as the senior naval advisor to the Vietnamese Navy Riverine Force, and then began his historic ascent to the pinnacle of U.S. military power. He attained the world's top operational command, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, and then became President Ronald Reagan's top military advisor, as Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

After retiring from the military, Admiral Crowe took a position at the University of Oklahoma as a professor of geopolitics. He heeded the call to service again in 1993 when he headed the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, and served as Ambassador to the Court of St. James's from 1994-1997.

He is chairman of the board of advisors of Global Options, a crisis management firm based in Washington, DC, and he still continues to serve our nation, in a variety of capacities.

He has continued to give back to the Naval Academy, and has returned to Annapolis as the Olin Fellow in the political science department at the Naval Academy. This top military leader and

Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale '47, USN (Ret.)



Vice Admiral Stockdale served on active duty for 40 years, most of the time at sea as a fighter pilot aboard aircraft carriers. He was an instructor at the Naval Test Pilot School at Patuxent River, MD, and earned a master's degree in international relations from Stanford University. It was there that he adopted his life to

the Stoic model. He led the flight that started the Vietnam War on 5 August 1964, as Commanding Officer, VF-51 off the carrier TICONDEROGA (flying an F8U Crusader capable of flying over a thousand miles per hour in level flight, bringing about 95% destruction of the Vinh POL storage). He was immediately named Air Group Commander of the carrier ORISKANY, from which ship he was finally shot down on 9 September 1965.

Imprisoned in Hanoi, North Vietnam, and soon recognized by his captors as the leader of the American prisoners' refusal to participate in propaganda exploitation, Stockdale was singled out for interrogation and attendant torture after being detected in a covert communication attempt. He resolved to make himself a symbol of resistance regardless

of personal sacrifice. The only American to know of Ho Chi Minh's death that night, he deliberately inflicted a near-mortal wound to his person in order to convince his captors of his willingness to give up his life rather than to capitulate. He was subsequently revived by the North Vietnamese who, convinced of his indomitable spirit, abated in their employment of torture toward *all* American prisoners of war. By his heroic action, at great peril to himself, he earned the everlasting gratitude of his fellow prisoners and of his country. Upon his return to America years later, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Gerald Ford in the White House.

After a wing commander tour stateside, and a single tour in the Pentagon, he was promoted to vice admiral to be president of the Naval War College. There, as a Stoic philosopher, he appeared in large classrooms daily, to teach a course designed by him and his long time friend, Dr. Joe Brennan, emeritus professor of philosophy at Columbia University. The two named the course "Foundations of Moral Obligation," and it is still being taught at the Naval War College.

After retirement, Vice Admiral Stockdale was made president of The Citadel, followed by several years as senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. Since then, he and his wife, Sybil, have resided in their beloved home in Coronado, CA, enjoying visits from their four sons, all married, professional educators, and each fathers of two.

- The Secretary of the Navy, on Stockdale's departure from the War College, established the Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership, awarded annually to two Commanders, one coming from the Pacific Fleet and one from the Atlantic Fleet, serving as Executive Officers of destroyers, submarines, or carrier aviation squadrons. This is the 21st year of this tradition. Last year, CNO Admiral Vern Clark hosted a party for all past awardees in his quarters at the Navy Yard, the Commander of the Pacific Fleet among them
- Jim and Sybil co-authored their story of the Vietnam War years, in alternating chapters. The book's title, *In Love and War*, first published in 1984, is still in print by the Naval Institute Press
- Jim has 26 combat decorations, including 4 Silver Stars
- He is a former president of the USNA Class of 1947, and a life member of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association

Admiral James D. Watkins '49, USN (Ret.)



Admiral Watkins has spent his life in service to his nation. A career submarine officer, Admiral Watkins was in at the beginning of the nuclear Navy and had a distinguished operational career. He served on many ships at the start of his career including *SNOOK*, the first nuclear-powered submarine to visit the

Republic of Korea and Yokosuka, Japan. He was the Chief of Naval Personnel; Commander, Sixth Fleet; Vice Chief of Naval Operations; and Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and he was appointed Chief of Naval Operations in 1982 by President Ronald Reagan.

After retiring from the Navy, Admiral Watkins served as chairman of President Reagan's Commission on AIDS, just as this dreaded disease was beginning to be understood by the public. He was then appointed Secretary of Energy by President George H.W. Bush. During his tenure as Energy Secretary, from 1988-1992, Admiral Watkins led the department's massive improvement efforts to become a more technically based organization. He also is credited for developing one of the most comprehensive, far-reaching, and visionary energy policies in our nation's history.

Admiral Watkins always has given back to the Naval Academy in a variety of ways, most recently as a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation,

Highlights of Admiral Watkins service are as follows:

- 37 years in the U.S. Navy on destroyers, cruisers and submarines, and shore assignments in personnel management
- 22nd Chief of Naval Operations, appointed by President Ronald Reagan (1982-1986)
- Chairman, Presidential Commission on AIDS (1987-1988)
- Secretary of Energy (1988-1992), helping to develop the first comprehensive national energy strategy
- President, Joint Oceanographic Institute, Washington, DC
- President, Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education
- Served as director on the board of several companies including: Southern California Edison Co., International Technology Corp., Philadelphia Electric Co. and VESTAR Inc., and GTS Duratek
- Trustee, Carnegie Corporation of New York (1993-1998)
- Distinguished Service and Legion of Merit medals, Bronze Star with Combat V
- Member, Naval Academy Endowment Trust Board of Directors
- Education: master's degree in mechanical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School
- Life Member, USNA Alumni Association

Captain James A. Lovell Jr. '52, USN (Ret.)



"Houston, we have a problem."

Perhaps best known for his cool leadership in bringing the crippled Apollo 13 spacecraft safely back to earth, Captain Jim Lovell has been a hero to all Americans, and Naval Academy alumni in particular.

Always fascinated with space travel, at age 16 Captain Lovell built a crude, rickety rocket powered by gunpowder and airplane glue. Eighteen years later in 1962, Captain Lovell himself was headed for space. But getting there was not easy.

The first time Captain Lovell applied to the Naval Academy, he was a third alternate, and was not accepted. He attended the University of Wisconsin as a midshipman in the Holloway Program, and applied to the Naval Academy again. He was a first alternate this time, and again, was disappointed. But three years after he first applied to the Naval Academy, his alternate status changed to principle and he was accepted. He never looked back.

After serving as a naval aviator and a test pilot, Captain Lovell was chosen for the space program in 1962. He was a back-up pilot for the Gemini 4 flight, and was the young astronaut bound for space on Gemini 7, which performed the first rendezvous of two manned spacecraft. He was also backup command for Gemini 9. As commander of the Gemini 12 mission, he and pilot Buzz Aldrin perfected the technique of working outside the spacecraft. At the close of the Gemini program, Captain Lovell became command module pilot and navigator for the Apollo 8 mission—the maiden voyage to the moon. He was backup commander to Neil Armstrong for the Apollo 11 lunar landing mission. Captain Lovell's fourth and final flight was on the perilous Apollo 13 in 1970. His role in returning his crippled spacecraft safely home, which was portrayed by actor Tom Hanks in the block-buster film *Apollo 13*, earned him the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.

Captain Lovell has continued to give back to the nation and the Naval Academy. He served two terms as an Alumni Association trustee, and is a member of the United States Naval Academy

Foundation Board of Directors. He has served on Congressman John Porter's service Academy Selection board, and is a regular speaker for new recruits at NTC Great Lakes, and is a popular speaker at the Naval Academy.

Other points of interest in Captain Lovell's career include:

- 23 years on active duty
- President and CEO, Bay-Houston Towing
- President, Fisk Telephone Systems
- Executive Vice President, Centel Corporation
- Co-author of *Lost Moon* with Jeff Kluger
- President, Lovell Communications, devoted to disseminating information about the U.S. space program
- Fellow, Society of Experimental Test Pilots
- Member, Naval Aviation's Golden Eagles
- His other awards include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Two Navy Flying Crosses, NASA Distinguished Service Medal, Harmon Trophy, Collier Trophy, Goddard Trophy, and the French Legion of Honor
- Former Trustee, USNA Alumni Association
- Member, Board of Directors, U.S. Naval Academy Foundation
- Key player in fundraising for Alumni Hall
- Served on U.S. Congressman John Porter's Service Academy Selection Board
- Education: University of Wisconsin, University of Southern California—Aviation Safety School, Harvard Business School's Advance Management Program
- Member, Chicago Chapter, USNA Alumni Association
- Life Member, USNA Alumni Association

History



In the mid-1990s, Rear Admiral Robert McNitt '38, USN (Ret.), proposed the concept of the Distinguished Graduate Award to Rear Admiral Ronald F. Marryott '57, USN (Ret.), who was the president and CEO of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association. Admiral Marryott brought the proposal to the Alumni Association Board of Trustees, which approved it. In

May 1998, the Distinguished Graduate Award selection committee met under the chairmanship of former Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Carlisle A.H. Trost '53, USN (Ret.).

Previous winners of the Distinguished Graduate Award are Admiral Thomas H. Moorer '33, USN (Ret.), the 1999 Distinguished Graduate, and the 2000 Distinguished Graduates: Dr. John J. McMullen '40, Admiral James L. Holloway III '43, USN (Ret.), Vice Admiral William P. Lawrence '51, USN (Ret.), Major General William A. Anders '55, USAFR (Ret.), and Mr. Roger Staubach '65.

Nomination

To be nominated as a distinguished graduate, candidates must be living graduates who have:

- Demonstrated a strong interest in supporting the Navy and the U.S. Naval Academy
- Provided a lifetime of service to the nation or armed forces
- Made significant and distinguished contributions to the nation via their public service
- Character, distinguished military and civilian service, and stature that draw a wholesome comparison to the qualities that the U.S. Naval Academy strives for, in keeping with values of duty, honor and integrity, and "through knowledge seapower."

The award will not be given to individuals who occupy, or who are candidates for, elective office, or who are still on active duty. ↓



Distinguished Graduates 2000 were honored at a Parade last October. L to r: Roger Staubach '65, Major General William A. Anders '55, USAFR (Ret.), Vice Admiral William P. Lawrence '51, USN (Ret.), Admiral James L. Holloway III '43, USN (Ret.), Dr. John J. McMullen '40, George P. Watt Jr. '73, USNA AA President and CEO, Vice Admiral John Ryan '67, USNA Superintendent



Admiral Thomas Moorer '33, USN (Ret.), the first USNA Alumni Association DGA recipient, appeared on *Shipmate's* cover in September 1999

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