



Holy Cross

Physicians in Uniform and more

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Holy Cross Physicians have a long history of serving in uniform and/or serving in areas of conflict

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Thomas Allen, MD
HC 86

Medical School: Washington University in St. Louis

Years of service 1993-2023
CDR, USN

Specialty: Pediatric Infectious Diseases/Pediatrics/Aviation Medicine/General Practice

As of 19 January 2023, working as Executive Transport Wing Surgeon at NAF Washington & VR-1 at Andrews AFB since Oct 2021. Moved back to Melbourne, Australia with my wife this past fall and commuting up to DC until I retire.

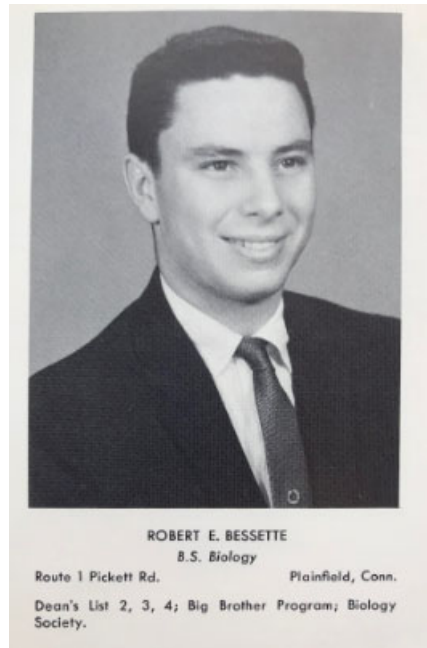


John Asplin, MD
HC 77

Medical School: Emory University

I was in the Navy Medical Corps from 1984 to 1987, stationed at Naval Hospital Cherry Point and Naval Hospital Great Lakes. I was not in ROTC at Holy Cross.

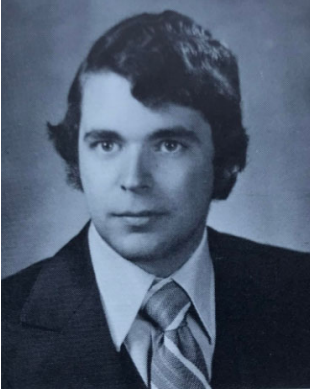
Nephrologist & Lab Corp Medical Director
Chicago, Illinois



R. Besette, MD
HC 61

Georgetown University Medical School 1965

Initial post graduate training St Vincent Hospital, Worcester, Mass
LCDR Senior Medical Officer Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, GA. 1967-69
-- Recipient Navy Commendation Medal.
Resumption of post graduate training in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases
-- St Vincent and Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY.
Initial solo practice for seven years then group practice
-- Fallon/Reliant until December 31, 2019
Over the years, in addition to practice, colleagues in group practice and hospital entrusted me with a variety of administrative roles.
Participation in teaching house staff, particularly enjoyable and rewarding.
-- These efforts are also recognized.



James A. Bourgeois, O.D., M.D.
HC 78

F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
Bethesda MD, 1989.

Colonel, Medical Corps, Retired, United States Air Force Reserve
(Reserve Duty, 1979-1982 & 2001-2005; Active Duty, 1982-2000)
Psychiatry Consultant to the Surgeon General, USAF, 1998-2000



Laura Bridge, MD
HC 2006

Medical School: Georgetown University

I've also had an incredibly unusual military career. Never deployed, and I'm so sub-specialized that I've been with the same unit my entire career. I finished residency in 2013, separated from active duty and went into the Reserves with the same unit in 2021, and I will probably retire from that same unit in a few more years (the Aeromedical Consultation Service at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine). In my civilian life, I'm a primary care general internist and eating disorder specialist at The Ohio State University - completely unrelated to what I do in the military. Go figure.

Clockwise from top left:

From a research month at NASA as a med student - on a mock-up of the treadmill used on ISS With Dr. Charles "Chuck" A. Berry, before he passed away in 2020. He was THE NASA flight surgeon for decades, including on the Apollo missions. He used to come to our office every year when I worked at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine to lecture the Residents.

A trip to Italy

A trip to London

Yearbook Pic

2016 Dept of Aerospace Medicine -- I'm in the 2nd standing row, 1st person on the right (short hair, flight suit).



John Brown, MD, MPA
HC 78

University of Connecticut School of Medicine

I served from 1982 to 1996 in the Navy. I did my internship in General Surgery at Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D) 1982 to 1983, then spent 3 years as a General Medical Officer with the Marines at Camp Lejeune, N.C. I deployed to the Caribbean, the Mediterranean and Scandinavia. I then returned to NMCS D for an Emergency Medicine Residency. From 1988 to 1990 I was the Director of the Emergency Department at the Naval Hospital Subic Bay, Philippines. From 1990 to 1993 I did a Fellowship in EMS Medicine at the University of Arizona, and then spent 1993 to 1996 as faculty at NMCS D and also served as the Specialty Advisor to the Navy Surgeon General for EMS Medicine.

Sanctae Crucis Award recipient 2021

Clockwise from top left:

- Graduation from Emergency Medicine Residency at NMCS D from 1986 to 1988
- Reception on returning to Camp Lejeune from a 6-month Mediterranean deployment
- Marine Corps Birthday at a restaurant during said deployment, Barcelona 1984
- Transiting the Panama Canal after completing jungle survival training during my Medicine in the Tropics training course, Panama 1988
- Working a shift at NMCS D
- Mass casualty training with my corpsmen, cold weather medicine exercise, Fort Ripley, MN 1984

- Doing lab work for my patients on deployment aboard the USS Pensacola 1984

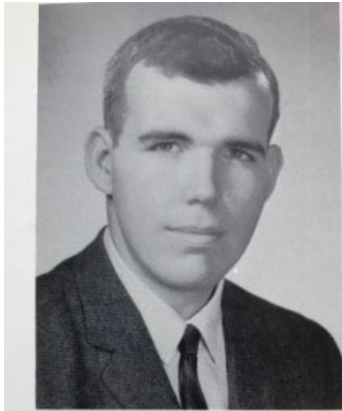


Matthew Burke, MD
HC 95

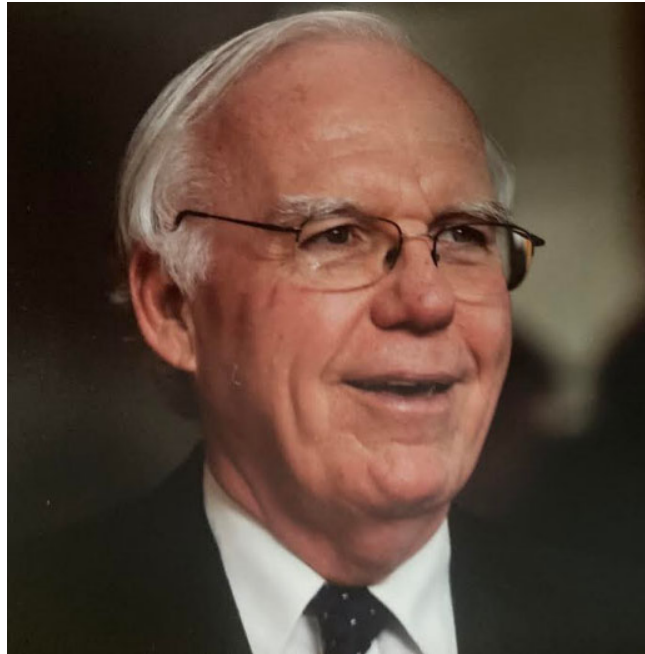
Medical School: Uniformed Services University

Major, US Army
Chief of Orthopaedic Joint Reconstruction
Eisenhower Army Medical Center, GA

Clockwise from top center:
Matt in uniform
With his newborn daughter, Anna; enjoying some R&R on their boat in GA
Gravestone at Arlington National Cemetery
Holy Cross Hall of Fame plaque
-- above that: Matt with his mother
Rowing at the Henley Regatta – Matt is fourth from the right
Lightweight Eight Rowing team – Matt is fourth from the left
With his wife, Bonnie Burlingame Burke
Matt and his daughter, Anna



LEO M. COONEY, JR.
A.B. Pre-Medical
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Providence, R.I.
Dean's List 1,2,3; *Crusader*,
Layout Editor; Biology Soci-
ety; Resident Assistant.



Leo Cooney, MD
HC 65

Yale Medical School

Army 1971-73
Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Humana Foundation Professor Emeritus of Medicine
Yale School of Medicine

Sanctae Crucis Award recipient 2009

I get up to Worcester often as my granddaughter Lydon, a sophomore, is a 5th generation Cooney at Holy Cross.



Robert F. Cooney, MD
 HC 55

Medical School: Tufts University

Dr. Cooney practiced medicine at the 2nd General Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany while serving in the US Army Medical Corps as a Captain.

He joined the Falmouth OB GYN practice upon his return to the United States in 1966 where he practiced for over 40 years.

Robert Cooney played right guard for Crusader football and was inducted into the Holy Cross Varsity Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012.

He had eleven children and two also graduated on Mount St. James.

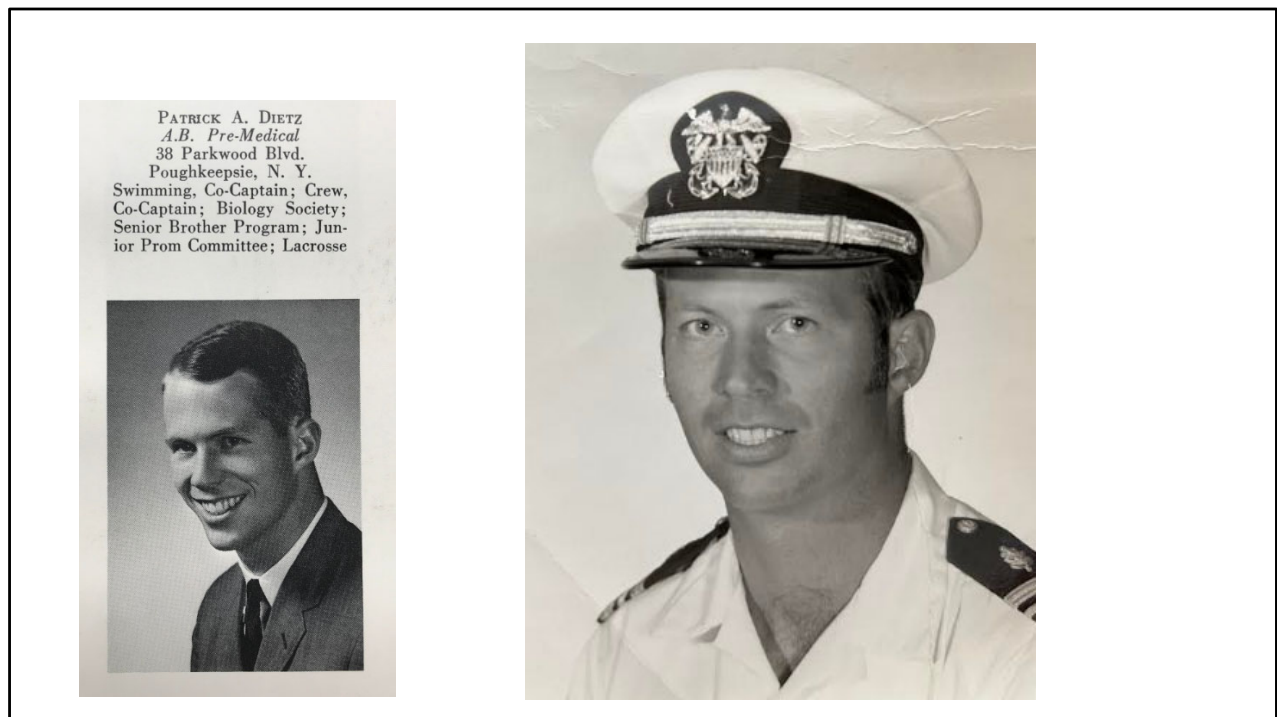
Dr. Cooney passed in 2012.



Justin DeVito, DO
 HC 97
 Colonel, USAF, MC

University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1998-2002
 Residency in Pediatrics , Keesler USAF Medical Center, Biloxi, MS, 2002-05
 General Pediatrician, 20th Medical Group, Shaw AFB, SC 2005-07
 Fellow in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
 -- Walter Reed Army Medical Center/National Capital Consortium, 2007-10
 Chief, Pediatric Gastroenterology
 -- Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, 2010-23
 Associate Residency Program Director
 -- Naval Medical Center Portsmouth 2015-21
 Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics, USUHS

With wife Michele (Trotta) DeVito, HC '97, son Jack, daughter Clara, 2021



Pat Dietz, MD
HC 66

Harvard Medical School 1970
UCSF surgical residency 1970-75
LCDR, USNR, MC July 75 – June 77
Camp Pendleton, CA
Marine Corps Base 29 Palms, CA

Vascular surgery fellowship 1977-1978
Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan
Surgical staff, Mary Imogene Hospital, Cooperstown, NY
Surgical residency Program Director for 24 years

Visiting vascular surgeon 2 weeks at Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center
April 2013 and November 2020



Mike Dubik, MD
HC 78

Medical School: Georgetown University

US Navy Flight Surgeon
Pediatrician
Sleep Medicine Specialist

Clockwise from top center:

The family ~2004 while Chair of Pediatrics at Naval Medical Center San Diego

Promotion to LCDR with Colonel Arick & LtCol Yanessa

With my dad ~1986

HMLA-269 Change of Command ceremony at MCAS New River, NC

Family on the beach in Coronado, CA 2008

Above that – Promotion to O6 with Major General West, my mom and brother

Graduation from internship at Naval Medical Center Bethesda 1983

Wedding day officiated by my former CO, Colonel Randy West

Student Flight Surgeon in Pensacola, FL class 84-01

To the right of that – With my Corpsmen, deployed in Norway

Above that: Aurora Borealis in Norway, above the Arctic Circle

With two of my squadron COs: LtCol West and LtCol Yanessa



Geoff (Fitz) Fitzgerald, MD
HC 89

I did the health profession scholarship program at Dartmouth Medical School.

I then served with Marine recon and then Naval special warfare group 2 (SEALS) for a total of five years as an Undersea Medical Officer.

Left to Right:

Me doing “a leaning rest” at dive school

Mountain warfare training in the High Sierras of Nevada

After being commissioned an Ensign at Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Newport, RI

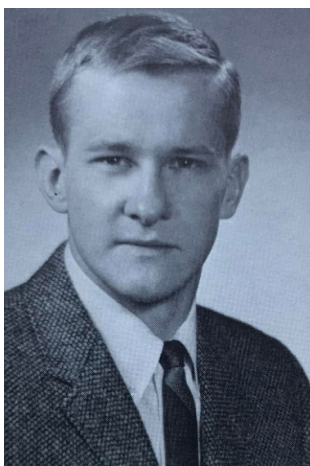


Brenton Franklin, MD, MHPE, FACS
 HC 2008

Georgetown University School of Medicine 2012
 Major, US Army
 Years in service - 11 active, 4 reserve
 General Surgery
 Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
 Bethesda, MD

Captions: left to right

- Last day of residency at Walter Reed
- Meeting up with a HC Hockey teammate (Cal St. Denis '08) in the OR hallway at Walter Reed
- Taking a quick (and unauthorized) helicopter ride while deployed in the Sinai Peninsula
- Operating at Water Reed



Robert Green Jr, MD
HC 68
Major: English Literature
Minor: Physics

University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School
Class of 1978

Served in the USAF as an ICBM Crew Commander for 4 years and as an ophthalmologist/flight surgeon for the rest of my 23 years. Been in civilian practice for 30 years. Still having fun. Shot 74 on the golf course recently. The wife and I travel to Europe frequently. We have 5 grandchildren.



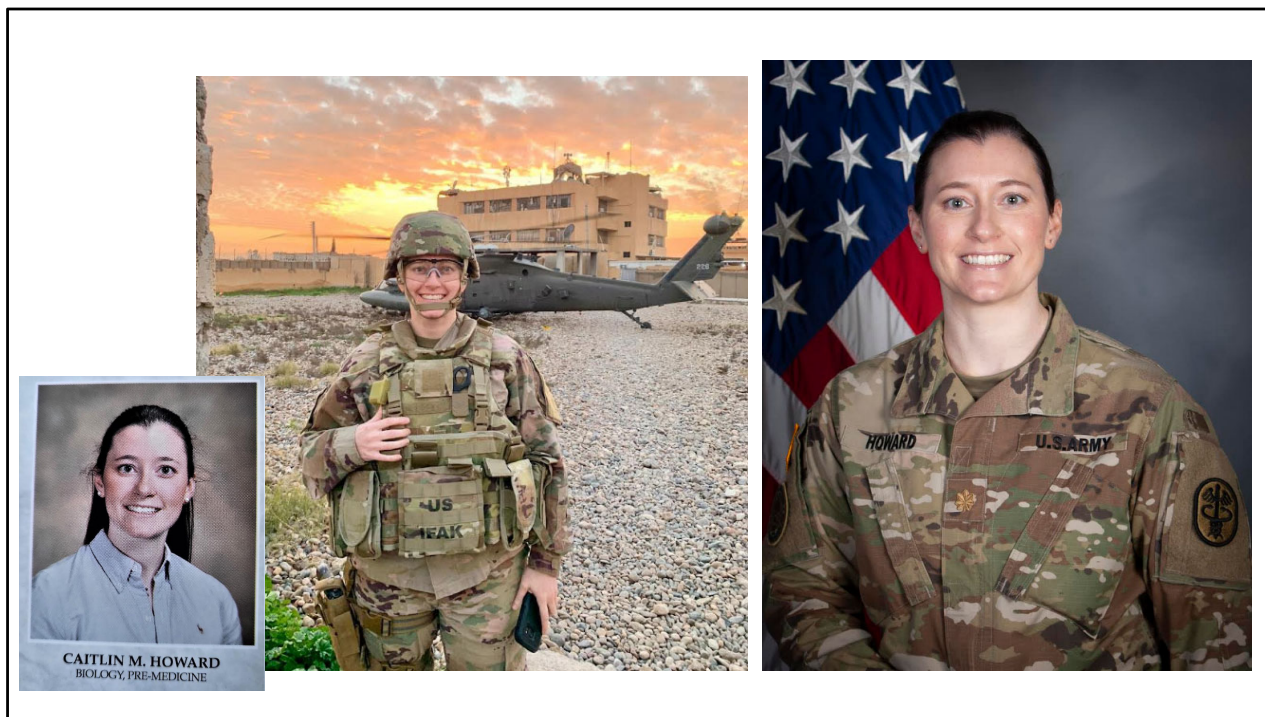
William Hennrikus, MD
HC 78

Medical School: Georgetown University

Orthopaedic Residency: Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD)
Active Duty 13 years, Reservist 13 years, 26 total years of service
Navy Captain
Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery, Penn State College of Medicine

Clockwise from top left:

- Officers -- Battalion 1/5
- With 2 HPSP medical student mentees at Penn State College of Medicine
- With my medical team in Okinawa waiting to treat and evacuate injuries in the field
- Marine Corps Ball
- Ortho library at NMCSD -- 3 kids while a resident -- 2 more on the way
- Getting a haircut and a massage with Frank Mc in Nago, Okinawa
- Rappelling at the Marine training base in Pohang, Korea -- Aussie style



Caitlin Howard, MD
HC 2006

Tulane University School of Medicine 2012

Major, US Army
Emergency Medicine Physician (62A)
10 years of service (11 in May 2023)

Two photos:

Deployment to Syria 2018

Command photo, Chief Department of Emergency Medicine

Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center 2021



Michael Kavanaugh, MD
HC 97

Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine

ID/Critical Care, Adult
Internal Medicine Residency Director
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA



Joseph Kerwin, MD
HC 53

Northwestern University School of Medicine

Flight Surgeon, Naval Aviator, Test Pilot, Scientist-Astronaut
Captain, USN

First American Physician in Space
Skylab – 1973



Donald J. Magilligan, MD
HC 61

Medical School: Georgetown University

Don served in Vietnam from July 1967 -- Aug 1968 as part of the 3rd Marine Division. He was in Khe Sanh from Jan '68 thru April of the same year.

With only two years of postgraduate training, Don operated on a young CO who had been shot in the heart. He performed this operation in a bunker, just off the runway where the young marine had run, aiding a wounded soldier.

Don was very proud of his service. He admired the soldiers...many of them "kids". "They did what they had to do not for love of their God, nor for love of their country, but for love of each other." -- DJ Magilligan

Don started the heart transplantation program in Michigan. Also, for the University of California, San Francisco. Yet, he often said that the most fulfilled he was professionally was when he took care of the young Marines in Vietnam.

Picture: Dr. Magilligan with three of his physician colleagues in Vietnam.
-- Don is on the far right.



John Maurer, MD
HC 64

University of Tennessee Medical School 64-67

Roanoke Memorial Hospital 68 Surgical internship

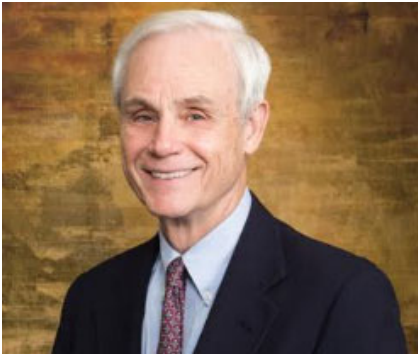
US Navy 69-70 Flight Surgeon, DaNang RVN

US Naval Hospital San Diego 70-75 residency Orthopedic Surgery

Released from Active Duty 1975 as LCDR



PETER L. MEEHAN
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1254 Crest Haven Dr.
Silver Spring, Md.
Resident Assistant; Purple
Key; Biology Society; Senior
Brother Program; Homecom-
ing Committee; Football;
Baseball

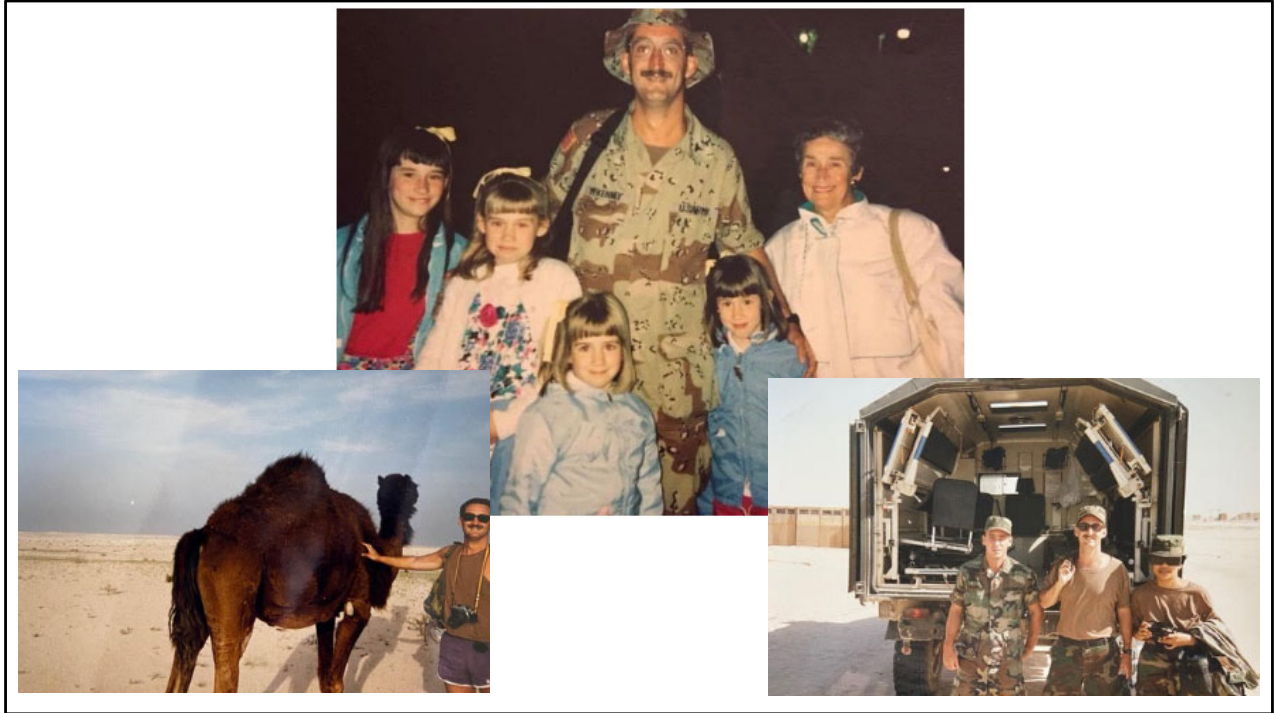


Peter Meehan, MD
HC 66

Medical School: University of Maryland

National Naval Medical Center (now Walter Reed) 1975-1977
LCDR USNR

Pediatric Orthopaedics
Atlanta, Georgia



Paul McKenney, MD
HC 76

I served in the US Army Medical Service Corps (Army Reserve Status) from
7/23/77 - 6/14/80 - at Georgetown University Medical School
7/1/86 - 11/20/90 - Reserve status post-separation from Active Duty (until
reactivated) - was in private practice at Kent Hospital, Warwick, RI

I served in the Army Medical Corps (Active Duty) from:
6/15/80 - 6/30/83 - Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, WA for Internal
Medicine Residency
7/12/83 - 6/30/86 - Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Ft Campbell, KY and
Cutler Army Community Hospital, Ft Devens, MA as Staff Internist
11/21/90 - 6/1/91 - 300th Army Field Hospital, Saudi Arabia - reactivated for
Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm

Separated 6/1/91 as MAJOR, US ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

(Wearing Holy Cross gym shorts in the Saudi photo with the camel)



Chris Morin, MD

HC 70

1967 was an interesting time. I was a freshman at Holy Cross, and the Vietnam War raged. I joined the USMC Platoon leader's class. July at Quantico was hot, dry, and about as far from civilization as you could get and still be in the United States. I completed the training and returned to Holy Cross, convinced if I could survive that, I could accomplish anything. That is when I decided to pursue a medical career. I was honorably discharged from the USMC in 1968 when I changed my major and became pre-med.

After Medical School at Brown and Surgical Residency at Harvard and the MGH, I felt I had a debt to those Marines who were second lieutenants in 1969 or 1970. Initially, I pursued the Navy reserve but was recruited by the Rhode Island Air National Guard. They sent me to the school of Aerospace medicine, and I became a flight surgeon.

The Navy lured me back by offering to make me first the Executive Officer and then the Commanding Officer of a Naval Reserve Fleet Hospital.

All my military medical experience was operational. Flying in Military jets, going to sea on ships, and supporting the Marines. My last active duty was a voluntary recall during Operation Desert Storm. I served for about 14 years and was a Commander USN MC.

The picture of me in Uniform was taken in 2020, and that is the same uniform I wore back in 1984.

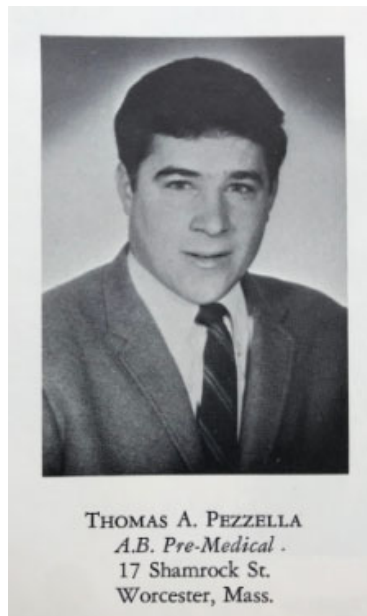


LT Lexi Osgood, MD
HC 2010

While on a recent deployment with the USNS Comfort.

Serving on active duty in the US Navy since 2014, she graduated from Uniformed Services University in 2018.

She is board certified in Family Medicine and currently residency faculty at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, VA.



Angelo Thomas Pezzella, MD
HC 67

Medical School: Saint Louis University

Colonel US Army, retired
Cardiothoracic Surgeon



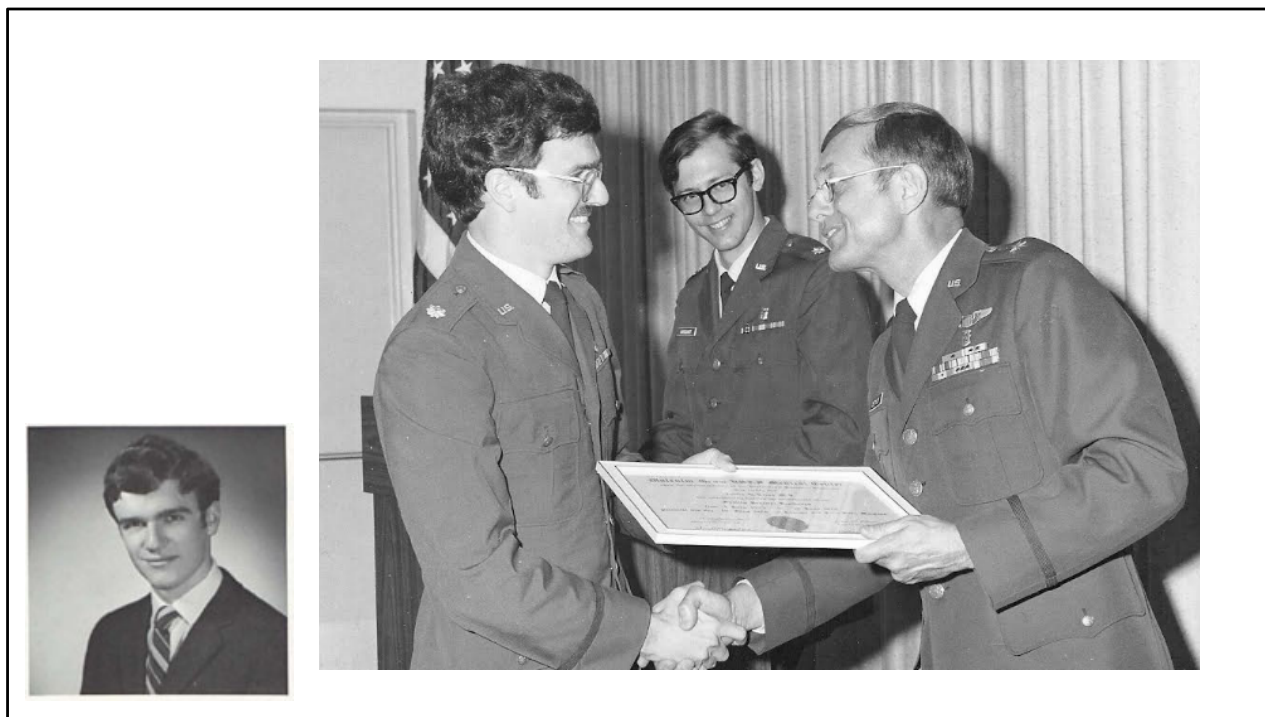
Robert Pollard, MD
HC 80

Georgetown University School of Medicine

US Navy LCDR
ENT

Left: On the quarter deck of the USNS Comfort with my kids, Katie and Matthew, during the 1st Gulf War while working at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland (now designated Walter Reed)

Right: in 2021 and in 1993 while serving in Orlando, FL



Lou Reiss, MD
HC 70

Medical School: Ohio State

This is me (left) on my graduation from my Family Practice residency at Andrews AFB in 1976 (Malcolm Grow Medical Center). My name tag is missing as you may note. I forgot to transfer it from my summer uniform. Of interest is that the standard uniform I am wearing is the same one I was given 10 years before upon entering AFROTC at HC! In fact, I was still wearing it when I was discharged in 1979!



Jim Roach, MD, FACP
MAJ, MC, US ARMY
HC 81

Georgetown University School of Medicine 1985
Specialty: Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
Active Duty 1985 – 1995

Ft Devens, MA circa 1982



Frank Scarpa, MD
HC 63

Medical School: John Hopkins University

Active duty, Army 1969-71



Tom Schneider, MD
HC 67

Georgetown University School of Medicine

US Navy Captain
Aviator, Flight Surgeon and ENT

Clockwise from bottom left:

LCDR, MC, USN

Trapping on board during Vietnam

Adopting youngest daughter in China

Fighter pilot to glider pilot -- what a change

Sculling for sanity

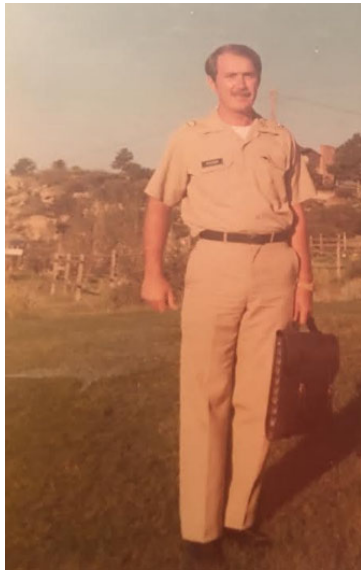
Latest book: "The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man, Surviving when Life Sucks"
-- dedicated to Holy Cross and Georgetown Med



Mike Siclari, MD
HC 73

Medical School: Dartmouth, Geisel

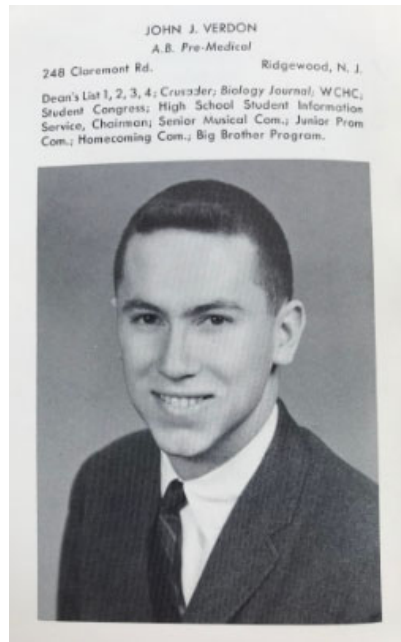
Army, National Guard and support for Ukraine



William Tosches, MD
HC 67
Classics major

Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine 1971

US Army 1975-77
Major, Medical Corps, US Army
Fort Carson, Colorado



Jack Verdon, MD

HC 61

Liberal Arts, Pre-Med, Greek

Georgetown University School of Medicine 1965

Served at Naval Hospital San Diego

Psychiatry 1969-71

After completing my Residency at Strong Memorial, Rochester, NY 1966-69

Psychiatry & Addiction Medicine



Michael Wiese, MD
HC 80

Medical School: Georgetown University
Specialty: Orthopaedic Surgery

Left: with Georgetown classmates (Mike is the one holding a beer)
Right: in the OR at Naval Hospital Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico

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