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Charles S. Minter, Jr. was born in Pocahontas, Virginia, near the heart of the nation's coal mining region. From an early age, Charlie had dreams of flight, and entered the Naval Academy as a member of the Class of 1937.

While a midshipman, Charlie excelled in sports, especially crew and football. The *Lucky Bag* noted, "Most afternoons, he could be found occupied with some sport, in season and out."

After marrying Mary in 1940, Charlie entered flight training and earned his wings in 1941, just months before the United States entered World War II. Throughout the war, Charlie flew missions all over the world, and served as Air Operations Officer for the carrier *Randolph*, a ship that performed air strikes on Tokyo, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. After serving as a test pilot, he returned to combat as war broke out in Korea.

After the war, Charlie held a number of key commands: Commanding Officer of *USS Albemarle*; Commanding Officer of *USS Intrepid*; Commander, Fleet Air Wing, Pacific; and Deputy Chairman, NATO Military Committee. Two posts Charlie considers his most meaningful accomplishments are Commandant of Midshipmen and Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy.

In retirement, Charlie has remained actively involved in the life of his alma mater, serving as president of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association. He also served as president of the Retired Officers Association for four years, and has selflessly supported other worthy efforts.

Charlie and Mary enjoy their large family of three children, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Vice Admiral Charles Minter is a man of compassion and a living example of an officer and gentleman.