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Born and reared in Pennsylvania, Ronald F. Marryott entered the U.S. Naval Academy as a member of the Class of 1957, with a firmly held goal for the future. From that first I-Day, Ron dedicated himself to his chosen profession – service as a United States Naval Officer.

As a midshipman, he played plebe basketball and commanded his battalion in the spring of 1957. The *Lucky Bag* noted that Ron was one of the few men who successfully mastered the art of working and playing hard.

As a naval aviator in 1959, Ron flew anti-submarine warfare and maritime patrol aircraft. He participated in quarantine operations during the Cuban missile crisis.

As America entered the space age, Ron served as both assistant and chief Project Mercury Recovery officer for airborne search and recovery operations for the first three manned space flights.

Assignments in Vietnam and other Cold War hot spots followed. After command tours, including Commander Iceland Defense Force, and several Pentagon tours, Rear Admiral Marryott was appointed President of the Naval War College in 1985. According to Admiral James Holloway III, Ron succeeded in redefining the War College to again be “the Navy’s center for serious thinking at the force commander’s level.”

Ron went from the presidency of the War College to a distinguished tour as Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy, one of only three officers to have held both posts. After retirement from active duty in 1990, Ron became President and CEO of the George Marshall Foundation, promoting leadership and public service.

He continued his service to his alma mater when, in 1996, Ron was appointed President and CEO of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association, sponsoring a number of important initiatives. He was a driving force in the creation of the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, serving as its first president.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Ron organized and chaired a Security Transition Team for the City of Annapolis. He continues his service to the Naval Academy as a volunteer in a number of vital projects. He currently serves as co-chairman of the Class of 1957’s Gift Committee.

Ron and his wife Carol Ann live in Annapolis, and look forward to family gatherings with their three sons, and their families.

Rear Admiral Ron Marryott has demonstrated a commitment to his country by a lifetime of service.