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Distinguished Graduates Award—2000



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Roger T. Staubach entered the Naval Academy's Class of 1965, pursuing a degree in engineering. From the time he arrived in Annapolis, he showed himself adept at engineering touchdown drives. Hailed by Navy Football Coach Wayne Hardin as "the greatest quarterback Navy ever had," Roger completed 115 passes for nine touchdowns in his junior year, en route to winning college football's highest honor, the Heisman Trophy.

While noting his football prowess, the *Lucky Bag* said Roger would be remembered far longer for his "humility, sincerity and deep religious faith." Roger put his obvious future in pro football on hold to begin four years of service in the Navy, including a year in Vietnam.

In 1969, Roger traded his Navy uniform for the uniform of the NFL Dallas Cowboys, where he honed his leadership skills under the tutelage of the legendary Tom Landry. Roger quarterbacked the Cowboys to three Superbowl appearances in the 1970s, and was named MVP of Superbowl Six. He was voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame the first year he was eligible for that honor.

Roger balanced football with business, launching The Staubach Company, a real estate firm pioneering the concept of tenant representation. Under Roger's leadership, The Staubach Company grew to include 36 offices in 31 cities.

Recently his firm joined with global real estate giant DTZ Debenham Tie Leung to form DTZ Staubach Tie Leung, providing local market expertise in 150 cities in 45 countries.

Roger enjoys spending time with his wife Marianne and their five children and their families, and remains active in civic and charitable causes, serving as a member of the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation's President's Circle.

While memories of gridiron glory may fade with time, Roger Staubach remains the sincere, humble and faithful man his classmates will never forget.