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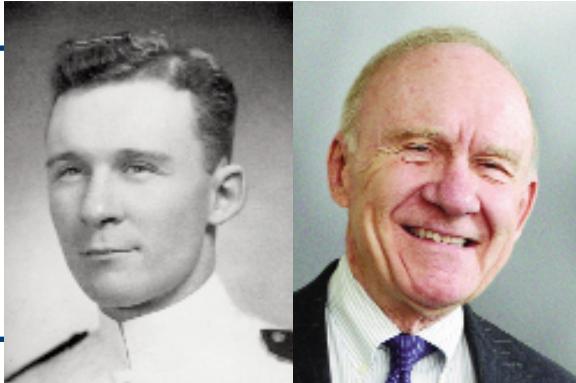
Mr. John E. Nolan '50

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John Nolan graduated high school in Minnesota at the age of 16 before attending the Naval Academy. He served as a Marine rifle platoon leader and battalion intelligence officer in Korea and was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star with Combat "V" and Purple Heart.

He attended Georgetown Law School at night while assigned to the Marine Barracks, Washington Navy Yard. He enrolled full time after he left active duty and graduated at the top of his class. Following graduation, he served as a Law Clerk for Justice Clark, Supreme Court of the United States, and in 1956 he joined the distinguished Washington law firm of Steptoe and Johnson as an associate. In 1960, he became the Advance Chair of Senator John F. Kennedy's Presidential campaign.

Following Kennedy's campaign, Nolan took on various assignments for the White House and Democratic National Committee. With lawyer James Donovan, he played a leading role in the 1962-63 Cuban Prisoners Exchange that involved numerous meetings with Fidel Castro. He then served as the Administrative Assistant to Attorney General Robert Kennedy, representing him at meetings of



the Special Group CI (Counter Insurgency), which included undersecretaries of defense and state and the heads of the CIA, USAID, USIA, among others.

Nolan has enjoyed a distinguished 52-year legal career with Steptoe and Johnson. He has served as the Chairman of the firm, and in 2003 the District of Columbia Bar cited him as a “Legend of the Law.” Nolan also served as a moderator of the Aspen Institute’s Executive Seminars, was a visiting fellow at Cambridge University in 1987 and 1992 and was the Founding Chair of the Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights.

Mr. Nolan has supported the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association & Foundation in serving as counsel and as a member of the Foundation Board of Directors. From 1998 to 2002, he served on the first and subsequent Distinguished Graduate Award committees. He and his wife have also endowed the Nolan Scholarships providing two years of post-graduate study at Cambridge University.

John Nolan and his wife, Joan, live in Bethesda, MD.