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REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS C. LYNCH '64, USN (RET.)

Tom Lynch left Lima, OH, with Navy football on his mind. Not only did he acquire three varsity letters in the sport, but he became captain of the 1963 team as well. He also held the title of Brigade Heavyweight Boxing Champion in 1962 and 1963 (and returned to referee as a Lieutenant in 1969). He graduated with distinction with the NAAA Sword and the Cooke Memorial Fund Award.

Admiral Lynch's military career was varied and long. As an Ensign, Lieutenant and Admiral, he experienced three active duty tours and several billets at the Academy. At sea, his leadership positions included commanding officer of TRUET (FF-1089) (1977-80); commander, Destroyer Squadron TWENTY SIX (1985-87); commander, Cruise Destroyer Group TWELVE (1989-91) including commander of the

Eisenhower Battle Group during Operation Desert Shield.

After a 31-year career of naval service he retired in the rank of Rear Admiral. His naval service included chief, Navy Legislative Affairs, Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy from 1991 to 1994 and director of the Navy Staff at the Pentagon from 1994 to 1995. Tom joined The Staubach Company after six years as senior vice president at Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., a NYSE venture capital company. While at Safeguard, he served nearly two years as president and chief operating officer at Compucom Systems, a NASDAQ billion dollar Safeguard subsidiary company.

Admiral Lynch serves as a board director for multiple private and public companies and several non-profit

entities, is a Trustee of the Naval Academy Foundation and chairs the Athletic and Scholarship division of the Foundation. He also serves on the Army-Navy Game Committee and as vice chairman of the Philadelphia Sports Congress, so he is very involved in the Army-Navy Game on multiple levels. He married his high school sweetheart, Kathy, following graduation—they are the proud parents of three children and have 10 grandchildren.



“To be recognized as a Distinguished Graduate is simply overwhelming to me and also humbling because of the many outstanding graduates of our Naval Academy.”