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Jerry Miller loved the sea at an early age, becoming an apprentice seaman at age 17 before entering the U.S. Naval Academy as a member of the Class of 1942. At the Academy, Jerry's enlisted experience propelled him to leadership positions in his class, serving two sets as midshipman Company Commander during First Class Year.

Graduating five months early, in the wake of Pearl Harbor, Jerry reported to *USS Richmond*, where he engaged in Pacific combat. With the war nearing an end, Jerry realized a long-time dream when he was sent to flight training, then assigned to an F4U fighter squadron.

The post war years led to various staff positions and post graduate study at Stanford. The day he graduated, the Korean War broke out. As an aide to the Commander of Task Force 77, Lieutenant Commander Miller participated in the planning of the Inchon amphibious landings, and other vital operations. Later, he flew over 100 missions, including 70 over the beach in support of ground troops. Following the war, he used his knowledge of the emerging technology of IBM computers to propose major modifications in accounting and distribution procedures at the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

With the Cold War turning frigid in the late 1950s, Jerry was promoted to Captain, the first in his class to make that rank, and reported to the Pentagon.

Assigned to the Atomic Operations Division, Captain Miller had the awesome responsibility of helping organize nuclear war plans. He became an expert in nuclear weaponry and its employment as a naval weapon delivered by naval aircraft.

Later, he commanded *USS Wrangell* and *USS Franklin Roosevelt*, and in 1968, commanded Carrier Division Three in Vietnam. Promoted to Vice Admiral in 1970, Jerry commanded the Second and Sixth Fleets, before retiring from active duty in 1974. Admiral Miller retired with flight experience in more than 60 types of aircraft during World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Active in business and government affairs, Jerry has supported naval institutions and contributed to the military profession and policy discussions with speeches, lectures, and countless articles. He is the author of the book, "*Nuclear Weapons and Aircraft Carriers*." He has supported his alma mater in many ways and currently serves as the President of the Class of 1942. His son Jonathan is a midshipman in the Class of 2005.

Vice Admiral Gerald Miller is a renowned leader through 38 years in uniform who made a significant impact on the course of Naval Aviation, providing a lifetime of service to his nation.