

MR. ROGER E. TETRAULT '63



Roger E. Tetrault '63 never forgot that the Elks Club in his hometown of Huntington, NY, made it possible for him to afford the Academy's initial uniform cost with a \$600 scholarship.

"In the late 1990s, I was able to repay this enormous debt to the Elks Club," Tetrault said. "My wife and I went on to endow the Huntington Elks Club's entire scholarship program. Since that time, our scholarships have helped more than 50 needy kids graduate from college. I am very proud that we have been able to touch the lives of those young people, just as the Elks Club touched mine so many years ago."

Tetrault, who earned his wings in 1966, served two tours of duty in Vietnam aboard TURNER JOY. He joined the Naval Reserve in 1970 and retired as a captain in 1985.

He is the former chairman of the board and CEO of McDermott International, a world leader in the construction of offshore platforms and the laying of pipelines for the oil and gas industries. McDermott also was the parent of the Babcock and Wilcox companies.

Previously he was a vice president at Babcock and Wilcox, responsible for the diversified government business segment that included nuclear reactors and other heavy equipment for nuclear submarines and aircraft carriers. Early in his career he was responsible for the development of nuclear reactors that would last the lifetime of a ship.

As president of General Dynamics' Electric Board Division, Tetrault was responsible for the construction and overhaul of nuclear-powered submarines. And as president of General Dynamics' Land Systems, he led the armored vehicle programs.

"Clearly the Academy provided me with the fundamental technical and leadership skills necessary to succeed," Tetrault said. "Without those basic skills I would never have been able to progress to manage very large organizations."

NASA appointed Tetrault to committees reviewing the International Space Station and the Hubble Space Telescope. He also served on the NASA Advisory Council and the COLUMBIA Accident Investigation Board. Tetrault was awarded the NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal.

He is a director of the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation Board and a member of the Joint Alumni Association and Foundation Finance and Audit Committee. Tetrault's generous contribution to the Naval Academy via the Foundation in 1998 supported the hiring of the founding director of the Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership.

He lives in Punta Gorda, FL, with his wife, Dr. Linda Tetrault. He has three children and two grandchildren.