



MR. DAVID M. ROBINSON '87

When David Robinson entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1983, no one would have guessed that he'd be one of the top 50 NBA players of all time and the philanthropic community supporter he has become.

Graduating with the Class of 1987, six inches taller than he was on I-Day, he led Navy basketball to 82 wins in three years. Even though he was the NBA's No. 1 draft pick in 1987, Robinson delayed his professional basketball career to serve his country.

He spent two years on active duty in the Civil Engineering Corp at Kings Bay Submarine Base as Assistant Resident Officer-in-Charge of Construction. Robinson spent six years in the Navy Reserve working in the Navy Public Works Department in Washington, DC, including time as a spokesman for Navy recruiting and anti-drug campaigns.

Robinson moved to San Antonio, TX, to play with the Spurs for his full 14-year NBA career. He became an NBA All-Star, an MVP, NBA Champion, Olympic medalist and more. To date, Robinson is the only player from Navy to play in the NBA.

Since arriving in San Antonio, Robinson has offered college scholarships to underprivileged students and, with his wife, awards grants to children's causes through the David Robinson Foundation.

The Robinsons started and support The Carver Academy, a school for underprivileged students. His equity firm, Admiral Capital Group, co-founded with Daniel Bassichis in 2007, benefits the communities in which it invests. He assists other professional athletes with philanthropic endeavors.

Robinson has served on several boards, including the Naval Academy Foundation, USAA Federal Savings Bank and Centerplate.

Among Robinson's many honors are the National Civil Rights Museum's Sports Legacy Award, the NBA's J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award, The Mannie Jackson—Basketball's Human Spirit Award and membership in the Basketball Hall of Fame.

He participates in the NBA's annual Hoops for Troops program and accompanied then-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen '68, USN (Ret.), a 2014 Distinguished Graduate, on a USO tour in Afghanistan.

David Robinson lives with his wife, Valerie, in San Antonio, TX.