

ADM STEVE ABBOT '66, USN (RET.)

Upon graduating with distinction with the Class of 1966, then-Ensign Abbot attended Tartar missile school, then deployed to Vietnam aboard HENRY B. WILSON (DDG-7). He reported to Oxford University in September 1967 as a Rhodes Scholar, graduating three years later with a Bachelor of Arts and an Master of Arts in politics, philosophy and economics.

After completing flight training, he was assigned to VA-27 in Lemoore, CA, flying the A-7E Corsair II, and participated in two deployments to the Western Pacific. He next received orders to U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, followed by assignment as a test pilot at Naval Air Test Center Patuxent River, MD, where he participated in the early flights of the F/A-18, T-34C and TA-7C. After a tour as Commanding Officer of VA-86, Abbot attended Naval Nuclear Power School in preparation for command in the nuclear Navy.

Assignments followed as Executive Officer of THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71); Commanding Officer of CALOOSAHATCHEE (AO-98); Chief of Staff for Operations at SECOND Fleet; Commanding Officer of THEODORE ROOSEVELT during Operation Desert Storm; and Deputy Director for Operations on the Joint Staff.

Upon attaining flag rank, Abbot served as Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT; Director, J-3, of the U.S. European Command; and Commander SIXTH Fleet. He finished his military career in October 2000 as Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command.

After retiring from active duty on 31 October 2000, Abbot continued his commitment to the nation and to the Navy, first as Deputy Homeland Security Advisor to President George W. Bush, and, beginning in 2003, as president and CEO of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

He has generously afforded his talents to the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation, as well as the Athletic and Scholarship Programs, the Military Officers Association of America, the Naval Aviation Museum and the Theodore Roosevelt Association.

Among the awards and medals Abbot received while on active duty are the Bronze Star Medal and the Strike Flight Air Medal.

The son, grandson, brother and father of Naval Academy graduates, Admiral Steve Abbot has exemplified service to the Navy, the Naval Academy and the nation.

Abbot and his wife, Marjorie, live in Northern Virginia.

