

DAVID GEORGE KALB



Kalb, David G, 74, CAPT USN (Ret.) (“Navy Davy”) passed away on July 4th, 2012 after a valiant fight with cancer. Born in Pottsville, PA on May 15, 1938, graduated from Allentown High in 1956; was appointed to the USNA with the class of 1960; graduated with a B.S. degree and was commissioned Ensign in the USN. Dave attended the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture from 1964-67 earning an additional B.S. degree in Marine Engineering and a M.S. degree in Naval Architecture.

Subsequent to graduation, David served aboard the destroyer, LOWERY and as Chief Engineer of the DOUGLAS H. FOX.

David was assigned to Puget Sound Naval Ship Yard as Ship Superintendent and Program Manager for New Construction. In 1970, he served in Saigon where he advised the Vietnamese Navy in the

construction of Ferro Cement boats and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was assigned to Supervisor of Ship Building, in New Orleans as new construction manager and Planning Officer. A tour of duty in El Ferrol, Spain from 1975-1980 followed during which David served as Resident Shipbuilding Liaison Officer. During this time, David met his wife of 35 years, Brenda. They were married in Gibraltar.

From Spain, Navy Davy was reassigned to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, where he served as Repair and Planning Officer. In 1980 he was assigned to command the Supervisor of Shipbuilding Office in Long Beach, CA, overseeing the construction of the FFG class of frigates and assisted the Naval Shipyard in reactivation of the battleships MISSOURI and NEW JERSEY. He retired in 1984.

In the private sector, David worked for Todd Shipyard and for Fowler International spending two years in Taiwan. David and Brenda owned and operated a sound and security business. Dave was also active in many community activities in and around Orange County.

David’s upbeat, friendly, positive and patriotic manner will be missed by all who were fortunate to have known him. He is survived by his wife, Brenda (Tupper) Kalb, brother, James Kalb of Woodbury, MN, son, Peter Kalb of New Tripoli, PA, daughter, Nancy Barton (husband, Howard) of NY, NY; grandchildren, Phillip and Donald Kalb and Alicia Barton.

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