

## Warren Edward Sweetser



Colonel Warren E. Sweetser III, USMC (Ret.), of Verona, NJ, died peacefully at home after a long illness on 17 November 2020. He was 84.

Born in Boston, MA, “Skip” lived throughout the country, son of Brigadier General Warren E. “Ned” Sweetser Jr., USMC (Ret.), and Janice (Davis) Sweetser. Skip graduated from Fishburne Military Academy in Waynesboro, VA. Following a year at the Citadel, Skip received an appointment to the Naval Academy and graduated with the Class of 1960, Sixth Company. As a plebe, Skip was recruited to the crew team and rowed in the varsity boat for his subsequent three

years. In 1960, the Navy crew team won the U.S. Olympic trials and rowed in the Summer Olympics in Rome, Italy.

Upon graduation, Skip served 33 years as a U.S. Marine. As an infantry officer, Skip was assigned to the first Marine Brigade in Kaneohe, HI. In 1965, onboard GALVESTON, and again in 1968, he served in Vietnam. In his second tour, he served as battalion and brigade advisor to the Vietnamese Marine Corps in the Mekong Delta, RVN.

In 1969, he returned to the Naval Academy as an instructor in the Weapons Department, as a company officer and as the varsity lightweight crew coach. Skip then served in Camp Lejeune, at Headquarters Marine Corps and in Rhode Island at the Naval War College, where he graduated “With Highest Distinction.”

Skip’s career was highlighted with commands including 2nd ANGLICO, FSSG and First Battalion 2nd Marines in Camp Lejeune, NC. Skip ended his career working with NATO as the fleet Marine officer for the Second Fleet in Europe and Norfolk.

His personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V (2), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V (2) and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. After his retirement, he was head of Security for Household Credit Services in Chesapeake, VA. Skip was a lion of a man with a huge heart and a warm welcome. He was a warrior and patriot, with a deep abiding devotion to our country and his family.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Nancy Hayes Sweetser; their four children, Susann (Jim), Wes (Sandy), Janice (Mark) and Seth (Tiffany); and 12 grandchildren.

*January-February 2021 Shipmate*