

## Benjamin Harding Hallowell



Commander Benjamin H. Hallowell Jr., USN (Ret.), died on 2 December 2022 in San Diego, CA.

“Ben” was born in Boston, MA, on 10 September 1938, the son of the late Benjamin H. Hallowell and Dorothy McKey Hallowell. He graduated from Lawrence Academy in Groton, MA (1956), and turned down acceptance at Harvard in favor of the Naval Academy. He was especially proud to have been appointed by Senator John F. Kennedy.

Upon graduation from USNA in 1960, he began a career in naval aviation, training at Pensacola, FL, New Iberia, LA, and Oceana, VA. His first assignment after flight training was VS-28 at Quonset Point, RI. He served thereafter in anti-submarine

squadrons, VS-28, VS-41 and VS-29, and on the Carrier Air Group in San Diego and at sea aboard WASP (CV-18), YORKTOWN (CV-10) and TICONDEROGA (CV-14). While serving on TICO, he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for correcting a serious safety issue. He married Avery Whitehorne in Middlebury, VT, on 20 July 1968. Health issues put him ashore in 1978, where he served first on the staff of the 4th Naval District, U.S. Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia, PA, then at various commands in San Diego, CA.

He retired from the Navy in 1984. After some dedicated time golfing, he began a career in mortgage banking. While doing that, he devoted many hours to resourcing programs for wounded warriors being treated at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego. Additionally, he was one of the founders of the “Old Goats,” a group comprised of Naval Academy graduates and their friends that focuses on veterans and in helping youth, Kids Who Care, doing charitable projects for community and veterans’ causes. He left mortgage banking to increase his involvement in these and similar charities, in which he maintained an interest until his death. Ben was also a long-time member of the Optimist Club of Coronado and the Coronado Mens’ Golf Club.

Ben is survived by his wife of 54 years, Avery; his brother, Edward M. “Ned” Hallowell, MD (and his wife, Sue); along with his niece and nephews, Lucy, Jack, and Tucker.

Inurnment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be determined.

*July-August 2023 Shipmate*