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PATRIOT OF THE MONTH: DAVID LAURENCE BAILEY, Captain, US Navy (Ret)

David Bailey is the descendant of military men. His father, Paul Edward Bailey Jr., served in the US Army Air Corps during WWII. His grandfather, Paul Edward Bailey, Sr., served in the US Army in WWI. David began his military Career in Omaha, Nebraska, where he was actively involved in the high school JROTC program, and achieved high scholastic honors. He won the Fifth Army Award as the outstanding high school JROTC student in the Fifth Army Area.



David received an appointment to the US Naval Academy from Nebraska Senator Roman Hruska, entering the Academy in June 1961. He graduated from the US Naval Academy in June, 1965, and entered flight training at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida. He received his gold Navy pilot's wings at Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas, December, 1966. He reported to VF-124 (fighter squadron) at NAS, Miramar, California, for operational training and ultimate assignment to VF-191. David served two operational cruises aboard the carriers USS Ticonderoga and USS Oriskany during the Vietnam Conflict. Upon returning from his second tour with the fleet in Vietnamese waters, David was assigned in 1970 to the US Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, California for graduate work in aeronautical engineering. After graduation, his career changed direction as he was designated as an Aeronautical Engineering Duty Officer with assignments in logistics and maintenance in support of naval aviation. Duty assignments included Naval Air Rework Facilities, Jacksonville, Florida, and Norfolk, Virginia; two tours on the staff of Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic, and assignment to Headquarters, Naval Air Systems Command. His final assignment was on the staff of Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet.

David retired in 1992 with the rank of Captain. During his career he received numerous awards including the Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), the Air Medal (9 awards), the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement medal.

He and his wife Judy, were married at the US Naval Base on Treasure Island, California, and are the parents of one daughter and one granddaughter.

Following his retirement, David became an educator. He started teaching math, and retired in 2005, as the principal at Norfolk Christian High School in Norfolk, Virginia.

David is a member of the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association, and the Officers' Christian Fellowship. He has remained active throughout both his Naval and civilian careers in his local church. David's sister, Susan Bailey Russ of the O'Fallon Chapter, nominated David for Patriot of the Month.



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