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**MOH and Navy Cross Medals**

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[LTJG John Kelvin Koelsch, USN](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/honors/medal-of-honor-recipients/ltjg-john-kelvin-koelsch/)



[CDR Clyde Lassen, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/honors/medal-of-honor-recipients/lassen/)



[MAJ Stephen W. Pless, USMC](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/honors/medal-of-honor-recipients/pless/)



[CAPT Lawrence R. Adams, III, USMCR](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/capt-laurence-r-adams-iii-usmcr-navy-cross/)



[1/LT Arthur Richard Bancroft, USMC](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/1lt-arthur-richard-bancroft-usmc-navy-cross/)



[CDR Robert Edward Baratko, USNR (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/honors/navy-cross/ltjg-robert-edward-baratko-usnr/)



[CAPT John J. Barrett, USMC](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/capt-john-j-barrett-usmc-navy-cross/)



[2/LT Donald Joseph Berger, USMC](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/2lt-donald-joseph-berger-usmc-navy-cross/)



[VADM Charles T. Booth II, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/cdr-charles-t-booth-usn-first-us-navy-helicopter-pilot/)



[COL Eugene R. Brady, USMC](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/ltcol-eugene-r-brady-usmc-navy-cross/)



[LT Robert W. Burnand, Jr., USN](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/honors/navy-cross/lieutenant-robert-w-burnand-jr/)



[Major General Marion E. Carl, USMC (Ret.)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marion_Eugene_Carl)



[CDR Leroy Cook, USNR (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/honors/navy-cross/lt-clarence-l-cook-usn/)



[1/LT Joseph P. Donovan USMCR](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/1lt-joseph-p-donovan-usmcr-navy-cross/)

[Read About His Daughter Capt. Eileen C. Donovan Here](https://www.3rdmaw.marines.mil/News/News-Article-Display/Article/548703/hmm-166-pilot-flies-fathers-sea-knight-41-years-later/)



[CAPT Rupert E. Fairfield, USMC](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/capt-rupert-e-fairfield-usmc-navy-cross/)



[CAPT Bobby Frank Galbreath, USMC](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/capt-bobby-frank-galbreath-usmc-navy-cross/)



[MAJ William Joseph Goodsell, USMC (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/maj-william-joseph-goodsell-usmcr-navy-cross/)



[1/LT Lee Michael Halstead, USMCR](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/1lt-lee-michael-halstead-usmcr-navy-cross/)

**Navy Cross Medals (continued)**

[MAJ Vincil E. Hazelbaker, USMCR (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/maj-vincil-e-hazelbaker-usmcr-navy-cross/)



[LTCOL Charles Alne House, USMC (Ret.)](https://valor.militarytimes.com/hero/4374)



[MAJ William H. Huffcut, II, USMC (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/maj-william-h-huffcut-ii-usmc-navy-cross/)



[COL Michael M. Kurth, USMC (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/indexphp/col-michael-m-kurth-usmc-navy-cross/)



[LTCOL Walter R. Ledbetter, USMC (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/ltcol-walter-r-ledbetter-usmc-navy-cross/)



[MAJ Bennie H. Mann, Jr., USMC (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/maj-bennie-h-mann-jr-usmc-navy-cross/)



[CAPT Ed Marsyla, USN (Ret.)](http://raunchyredskins.us/Squadronmates/Ed%20Marsyla.htm)



[LCDR David R. Murphy, USN](http://raunchyredskins.us/Operations/IG%2069%20Down/ReamEcho.pdf)



[1/LT Anthony Paskevich, USMCR](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/1lt-anthony-paskevich-usmcr-navy-cross/)



[1/LT William Lee Peters, Jr., USMCR](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/1lt-william-lee-peters-jr-usmcr-navy-cross/)



[MAJ Donald Joseph Reilly, USMC (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/maj-donald-joseph-reilly-usmc-navy-cross/)



[LTCOL Richard E. Romine, USMC (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/ltcol-richard-e-romine-usmc-navy-cross/)



[MAJ David L. Ross, USMC (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/maj-david-l-ross-usmc-navy-cross/)



[LT Neil R. Sparks, Jr., USN](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/honors/navy-cross/lt-neil-r-sparks-jr-usn/)



[LT Elmer Fowler Stone, USCG](https://media.defense.gov/2018/Jun/04/2001926401/-1/-1/0/ELMER_STONE.PDF)



[LTJG John William Thornton, USN](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/honors/navy-cross/capt-john-w-thornton-usn/)



[CAPT William D. Young, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/honors/navy-cross/lt-william-d-young-usn/)



[CDR James R. Walker, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/indexphp/honors/navy-cross/lt-james-r-walker-usn/)



[LCDR Allen Weseleskey, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/lcdr-allen-e-weseleskey-usn/)



[CAPT Jeffrie E. Wiant, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/honors/navy-cross/ltjg-jeffrie-e-wiant-jr-usn/)



[COL Frank E. Wilson, USMC (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/capt-frank-e-wilson-usmc-navy-cross/)



[CAPT Harry J. Zinser, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/lt-harry-j-zinser-usn/)

**Silver Star Medals**



[CDR Alan J. Billings, USNR (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/ltjg-alan-james-billings-usnr-silver-star/)



[LT Ron E. Clarke, USNR (Ret.)](http://raunchyredskins.us/Squadronmates/Ron%20Clarke.htm)



[CDR Lance A. Eagan, USCG (Ret.)](https://valor.militarytimes.com/hero/24884)



[RDML Kevin Delaney, USN (Ret.)](https://www.jacksonville.com/article/20150408/news/801242733)



[CAPT Steve Millikin, USN (Ret.)](https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/stephen-millikin-obituary?pid=177791562)



[LCDR Lonnie L. Mixon, USCG](https://valor.militarytimes.com/hero/24886)



[CAPT Ross Mordhurst, USN (Ret.)](http://raunchyredskins.us/Squadronmates/Ross%20Mordhorst.htm)



[CAPT Michael B. O’Connor Jr., USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/indexphp/capt-michael-b-oconnor-jr-usn-ret-biography/)



[CAPT John M. Quarterman Jr., USN (Ret.)](https://valor.militarytimes.com/hero/56293)



[LTJG Robert T. Ritchie, USCG](https://aoptero.org/medals/citation_ritchie_robert_t_ss.pdf)



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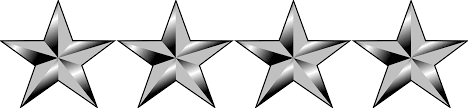


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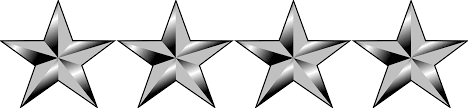


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**Active Duty Helo Flag Officers**



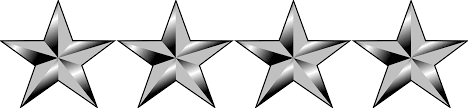
[Admiral Bill Lescher, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236064/admiral-william-lescher/)



[VADM Michael Dumont, USNR](https://www.northcom.mil/Leadership/Article-View/Article/1681113/vice-admiral-michael-j-dumont-usn/)

[VADM Dean Peters, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236213/vice-admiral-g-peters/)

[VADM Richard Snyder, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236119/vice-admiral-richard-snyder/)

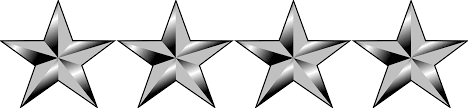


[RADM Jeff Hughes, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236295/rear-admiral-jeffrey-hughes/)

[RADM Shoshanna Chatfield, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236292/rear-admiral-shoshana-chatfield/)

[RADM Alvin Holsey, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236328/rear-admiral-alvin-holsey/)

**Active Duty Helo Flag Officers (Continued)**



R[DML Michael Baze, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236491/rear-admiral-michael-baze/)

[RDML Matthew O’Keefe, USNR](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236344/rear-admiral-matthew-okeefe/no/no/)

[RDML John Gumbleton, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236432/rear-admiral-john-gumbleton/)

[RDML Gary Mayes, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236334/rear-admiral-gary-mayes/)

[RDML David Manero, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236307/rear-admiral-david-manero/)

[RDML Joey Tynch, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236320/rear-admiral-murray-tynch-iii/)

[RDML John Menoni, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236275/rear-admiral-john-menoni/)

[RDML Bill Chase, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236456/rear-admiral-william-chase-iii/)

[RDML Trent Demoss, USN](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2372080/rear-admiral-trent-demoss/)

RDML (Sel) Kevin Lenox, USN – no flag officer bio available at this time

RDML (Sel) Wesley McCall, USN – no flag officer bio available at this time

[RDML Eric Ruttenberg, USNR](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236445/rear-admiral-eric-ruttenberg/no/)

[RDML Michael Steffen, USNR](https://www.c2f.navy.mil/Leadership/Article-Display/Article/1822336/rear-adm-michael-steffen/)

[RDML Nancy Lacore, USNR](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236442/rear-admiral-nancy-s-lacore/)

**Notable Retired Helicopter SES/Flag Officers**

[Richard V. Spencer, USMC (Ret.)](https://www.history.navy.mil/research/library/research-guides/modern-biographical-files-ndl/modern-bios-s/spencer-richard-v.html)

[Thomas B. Modly, USN](https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/people/sec-nav/thomas-modly.html)

[VADM Donald S. Jones, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/vadm-donald-s-jones-usn-ret-signal-charlie/#:~:text=Vice%20Adm.-,Donald%20S.,scandal%2C%20died%20of%20cancer%20Dec.)

[VADM Paul Grosklags, USN (Ret.)](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236023/vice-admiral-paul-grosklags/)

[VADM Kevin Scott, USN (Ret.)](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2236062/vice-admiral-kevin-scott/)

**Notable Retired Helicopter SES/Flag Officers (continued)**

[RADM Bill Shannon, III, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/radm-william-e-shannon-iii-usn-ret-biography/#:~:text=Rear%20Admiral%20William%20E.,the%20Board%20in%20May%202013.&text=He%20also%20serves%20on%20the,the%20Association%20of%20Naval%20Aviation.)

[RADM “Mac” McLaughlin, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/radm-mac-mclaughlin-usnr-ret-bio/#:~:text=He%20assumed%20command%20of%20Naval,rank%20on%20August%201%2C%201999.)

[RADM Steve Tomaszeski, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/rear-admiral-steven-john-tomaszeski-usn-retired-biography/#:~:text=USN%2DRET%20BIOGRAPHY,Kennedy%20(CV%2067).&text=As%20the%20first%20helicopter%20pilot,Group%20Six%20%2F%20USS%20John%20F.)

[RADM Pat McGrath, USN (Ret.)](https://www.navy.mil/Leadership/Biographies/BioDisplay/Article/2235984/rear-admiral-patrick-mcgrath/)

[RADM Roger L. Rich, Jr., USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Roger-Rich-Bio.jpg)

[RADM Scott J. Walker, USN (Ret.)](http://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/RR100_RADMWalker-obit.pdf)

[RADM John Higginson, USN (Ret.)](https://navy.togetherweserved.com/usn/servlet/tws.webapp.WebApp?cmd=ShadowBoxProfile&type=Person&ID=508319)

[RADM Warren Aut, USN (Ret.)](https://navy.togetherweserved.com/usn/servlet/tws.webapp.WebApp?cmd=ShadowBoxProfile&type=Person&ID=508319)

[RDML Philip F. Duffy, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/radm-philip-f-duffy-usn-ret-bio/#:~:text=Rear%20Admiral%20Philip%20F.,Duffy%20USN%2DRet&text=His%20lifelong%20dream%20to%20fly,two%20Mercury%207%20astronaut%20recoveries.)

[RDML Ron Jesberg, USN (Ret.)](http://www.epnaao.com/BIOS_files/REGULARS/Jesberg-%20Ronald%20H.pdf)

**TW-5 Commanders**

[COL Jeffrey M. Pavelko, USMC](https://www.cnatra.navy.mil/tw5/commodore.asp)

[CAPT Jade L. Lepke, USN](https://www.cnatra.navy.mil/tw5/deputy-commodore.asp)

[CAPT Paul D. Bowditch, USN](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_whiting_field/about/biographies/co.html)

[CDR James Brownlee, USN](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_whiting_field/about/biographies/xo.html)

[CDR Patrick C. O'Neill, USN](https://www.cnatra.navy.mil/tw5/ht8/co.asp)

[CDR Annie J. Otten, USN](https://www.cnatra.navy.mil/tw5/ht8/xo.asp)

[LtCol John R. Beal, USMC](https://www.cnatra.navy.mil/tw5/ht18/co.asp)

[CDR Justin Cobb, USN](https://www.cnatra.navy.mil/tw5/ht18/xo.asp)

[CDR Nathan Moore, USN](https://www.cnatra.navy.mil/tw5/ht28/co.asp)

[LtCol Andrew Kellner, USMC](https://www.cnatra.navy.mil/tw5/ht28/xo.asp)

**Wing/FRS Commanders**

[CAPT Sean Rocheleau, USN](https://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/chscwp/Pages/CO.aspx)

[CAPT Ed Weiler, USN](https://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/chscwp/Pages/XO.aspx)

[CAPT Will Eastham, USN](https://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/hsc3/Pages/COBIO.aspx)

[CAPT Jeffrey A. Melody, USN](https://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/chsmwp/pages/coc-com.aspx)

[CAPT Brannon Bickel, USN](https://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/chsmwp/Pages/COC-Dept.aspx)

[CDR Ken Colman, USN](https://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/chsmwp/hsm41/Pages/CO.aspx)

[CAPT Ryan Keys, USN](https://www.airlant.usff.navy.mil/Organization/COMHELSEACOMBATWINGLANT/Commodore/)

[CAPT Ted Johnson, USN](https://www.airlant.usff.navy.mil/Organization/COMHELSEACOMBATWINGLANT/Deputy-Commodore/)

[CAPT Steven M. Thomas, USN](https://www.airlant.usff.navy.mil/Organization/COMHELSEACOMBATWINGLANT/Helicopter-Sea-Combat-Squadron-HSC-2/Commanding-Officer/)

[CAPT Chip Whitfield, USN](https://www.airlant.usff.navy.mil/Organization/COMHELMARSTRIKEWINGLANT/Commanding-Officer/)

[CAPT Teague R. Laguens, USN](https://www.airlant.usff.navy.mil/Organization/COMHELMARSTRIKEWINGLANT/Deputy-Commander/)

[CAPT Ross Drenning, USN](https://www.airlant.usff.navy.mil/Organization/COMHELMARSTRIKEWINGLANT/Helicopter-Maritime-Strike-HSM-40-FRS/Commanding-Officer/)

CAPT Quinton Packard, USNR – no bio available at this time

CAPT Ed Hoak, USNR – no bio available at this time

[CDR Christopher Lemon, USNR](https://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/HSC85/Pages/CO.aspx)

[CAPT Dewon Chaney, USN](https://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/CVRMW/Pages/CO.aspx)

[CAPT Samuel Bryant, USN](https://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/CVRMW/Pages/XO.aspx)

[CDR Steve Parente, USN](https://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/vrm30/Pages/CO.aspx)

[CAPT Derek S. Brady, USN](https://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/comcmron7/Pages/Bio1.aspx#:~:text=CAPT%20Brady%2C%20a%20native%20of,West%20Virginia%20(SSBN%20736).)

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[CAPT Frank Erickson, USN](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/first-naval-helicopter-pilot-capt-frank-erickson-uscg-ret/)

[CAPT Matt Barr, USN](https://blog.usni.org/posts/2018/06/20/the-diversification-of-carrier-air-wing-commanders)

[CAPT Wendy Lawrence, USN (Ret.)](https://www.usna.edu/Notables/featured/03lawrence.php)

[Phil McConkey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phil_McConkey)

[CAPT Joellen Drag Oslund, USN (Ret.)](file:///C:\Users\Hello%20Bill!\Downloads\DocumentF-Joellen%20Drag-Oslund%20(1).pdf)

[CAPT Robbie Roberts, USN (Ret.)](https://ww2veteranshistoryproject.com/blog/f/105-year-old-wwii-navy-pilot-hero-%7C-captain-robbie-roberts-%F0%9F%87%BA%F0%9F%87%B8)

[CAPT Dan McKinnon, USN (Ret.)](https://sandiegoairandspace.org/hall-of-fame/honoree/dan-mckinnon)

[LTCOL Desmond E. Canavan, USMC (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/lcdr-joseph-w-gardner-usn-ret-signal-charlie/)

[CAPT Colleen Nevius, USNR (Ret.)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=2PaD0_baoE0)

[CAPT Randy Bogle, USN (Ret.)](https://usna.planmylegacy.org/donor-stories/bogle#:~:text=%22Randy%22%20Bogle%20'68%2C,Academy%2C%20the%2076th%20Commandant%20of)

[CAPT Sunita Williams, USN](https://www.nasa.gov/astronauts/biographies/sunita-l-williams/biography)

[CAPT George Galdorisi, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/capt-george-galdorisi-usn-ret-biography/)

[Mike Priefer](https://www.clevelandbrowns.com/team/coaches-roster/mike-priefer)

[LT Rhiannon Ross, USN](https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/pensacola-fl/lt-rhiannon-ross-usn-9870888)

[Colonel Howard Whitfield, USMC (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/colonel-howard-m-whitfield-usmc-ret-biography/)

[CAPT Bill Personius, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/wspersoniusbio/)

[CAPT Jim Gillcrist, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/indexphp/capt-jim-gillcrist-usn-ret-biography/)

[CAPT Arne Nelson, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/indexphp/capt-arne-john-nelson-usn-ret-biography/)

[CAPT Paul Stevens, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/capt-paul-h-stevens-usn-ret-biograpahy/)

[CAPT Mike Reber, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/captain-p-m-mike-reber-usn-ret-biography/)

**Other Notable Helicopter Pilots (continued)**

[LTJG Robert Woods, USN](https://www.pnj.com/story/news/2019/11/22/35-000th-aviator-pinned-wings-gold-nas-whiting-field-friday/4261405002/)

[LCDR Joe Gardner, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/lcdr-joseph-w-gardner-usn-ret-signal-charlie/)

[CDR Lloyd Parthemer, USN (Ret.)](https://www.nhahistoricalsociety.org/index.php/cdr-lloyd-l-parthemer-usn-ret-biography/)

[CAPT Amy Bauernschmidt, USN](https://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lpd22/Pages/bio1_9September2019-21October2020.aspx)

[CAPT Bill Mulcahy, USN (Ret.)](https://www.arkansasonline.com/obituaries/2018/apr/10/capt-william-mulcahy-2018-04-10/)