

VETERAN & MILITARY WALL OF HONOR

“May Their Courage Never Cease”



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This is not an official publication of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School.

To fill a void Project Courage created this virtual 'Wall of Honor' to showcase STA alumni, teachers and staff who have served or are presently serving as 1st Responders. We accomplish this by ...

- Creating a virtual 'Wall of Honor' that recognizes all 1st Responder alumni who submit their information that includes basic info such as name, graduation year, service entity and years of service. Optional info such as photos, contact info and even brief biography are optional.
- Planning a 'Stand Up", a stand-alone event at a local establishment for alumni 1st Responders.

Here are some specific examples of how Catholic high schools have honored 1st Responder alumni:

- **Archbishop Stepinac High School** in New York holds an annual Joe Riverso Memorial Game to honor all alumni 1st Responders.
- **Bishop Guertin High School** in Nashua, New Hampshire, has a First Responders Club that provides students with opportunities to learn about and prepare for careers in first response.
- **Cardinal Gibbons High School** in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hosts an annual First Responders Appreciation Day to honor local first responders and their families.
- **Cathedral Prep** in Erie, Pennsylvania, has a First Responders Appreciation Wall that recognizes alumni who have gone on to serve as police officers, firefighters, and EMTs.
- **Chaminade College Preparatory** in St. Louis, Missouri, holds an annual First Responders Mass to honor local first responders and their families.

DEMOGRAPHICS



- Below are the demographics of the eighty-one (81) STA Military and Veteran alumni.
- There are more Military and Veteran alumni out there.
- Some may have security reason for not submitting their data.
- Others may have personal reasons.

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	MALE	FEMALE	TOT	UNKNOWN
YEARS OF SERVICE	731.7	100	831.7	
STA ALUMNI	70	11	81	
AVG	10.5	9.1	10.3	4

BRANCH	MALE	FEMALE	TOT	
US ARMY	20	3	23	28.4%
US NAVY	16	4	20	24.7%
US MARINE CORPS	16	0	16	19.8%
US AIR FORCE	15	3	18	22.2%
US COAST GUARD	1	0	1	1.2%
USA & USAF	1	0	1	1.2%
USA & USMC	1	0	1	1.2%
US SPACE COMMAND	0	0	0	
UNKNOWN	0	1	1	1.2%
	70	11	81	100.0%

	RANK & PAY	MALE	FEMALE	TOT	
Enlisted	E-3	3	1	4	4.9%
Enlisted	E-4	9	0	9	11.1%
Enlisted	E-5	12	0	12	14.8%
Enlisted	E-6	8	0	8	9.9%
Enlisted	E-7	4	0	4	4.9%
Enlisted	E-8	2	0	2	2.5%
Warrant	W-2	0	1	1	1.2%
Officer	O-1	2	0	2	2.5%
Officer	O-2	2	1	3	3.7%
Officer	O-3	10	1	11	13.6%
Officer	O-4	6	0	6	7.4%
Officer	O-5	5	2	7	8.6%
Officer	O-6	4	1	5	6.2%
Officer	O-8	1	0	1	1.2%
	UNKNOWN	2	4	6	7.4%
		70	11	81	100.0%

PIC	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	M	F	BRANCH	RNK	Yrs	PHONE	EMAIL
1940									
	JOSEPH 'TOM'	O'REILLY	M		USA	O-2	8		
	<p>Tom O'Reilly was one of nine graduates from the first graduating class of St. Anthony's High School, the forerunner of Central Catholic and St. Thomas Aquinas High Schools.</p> <p>WWII interrupted his studies at Notre Dame. As an infantry Officer, Tom's wartime service sent him to Italy to eliminate Italy from the Axis. After WWII Tom continued to pursue his studies at Notre Dame. After graduation Tom owned a VW dealership and an office supply business now in its 3rd generation of management. Tom was 100 when he died in May, 2023.</p>								
1946									
	CHARLES	LITEKY	M		USA	O-4	4		
	<p>He played football for Bo Litzenger at Central Catholic H.S., but did not graduate. The story is that his father was transferred to a the Jacksonville Naval base in Jacksonville. He graduated from Lee H.S. in Jacksonville where he was the starting quarterback. Charles died January 20, 2017.</p>								

1958

	BILL	EAGAN	M	USN		Un k	(554) 555-5555	
	<p>Joined the Coast Guard during senior year at Central Catholic in '58 and began attending reserve meetings every Monday night. Joined the Navy in 1980 with an advanced pay grade offer. Fascinating assignments around the world. Got to more than 50 nations, sailed around South America in 1983 and sailed around the globe in 1986</p>							

1962




	HUGH	ALLEN	M	USAF	E-3	4		joe@angelonwheels.com
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1962


	PAUL	LAVEZZOLI	M	USA	O-2	2		
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Enlisted in the United States Army. Served in Vietnam from September 24, 1969 till his death on November 25, 1969, while assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry, C Company. was killed in action on November 25, 1969 through hostile action, small arms fire in Phuoc Long Province. Paul Richard Lavezzoli is buried or memorialized at Lauderdale Memorial Park, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida. Paul is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington DC.


1964



	<p>ANDY</p>	<p>URUSKI</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>USMC</p>					<p>andy.uruski@gmail.com</p>
<p>1964</p>									
	<p>JOHN</p>	<p>BERNHARD</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>USA</p>	<p>E-8</p>	<p>21</p>			<p>hnbernhard@outlook.com</p>
	<p>Enlisted 08 Jun 64. Spent the next 21 years traveling the world, so to speak. Overseas assignments included Italy, Germany, Korea and two tours in Vietnam. Stateside I was stationed in South Carolina, North Carolina, Indiana and Washington State. I retired from the Army at Fort Lewis Washington in June 1985.</p>								
<p>1966</p>									
	<p>WILLIAM</p>	<p>FENNELL</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>USA</p>	<p>E-4</p>	<p>2</p>			


Bill was born February 28th, 1947. After graduating from STA Bill enlisted in the Army and received the MOS of Helicopter repairman. He was sent to Vietnam on May 24th, 1967 and assigned to the 1st Aviation Brigade. SP4 Fennell was killed when his helicopter was brought down by an RPG hitting the engine department. SP4 Fennell was interred in Lauderdale Memorial Park, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, Plot: Block 18 Row Circle 4.

1967							
	JOSEPH G.	BROOKS	M	USAF	E-5	6	ltpbfdret@bellsouth.net
	I was in the Air Force Reserves at Homestead AFB 1967-1973 retired as a Staff Sargent						
1972							
	GARLAND	WRIGHT	M	USN	O-8	35	
1974							
	JOHN	MORIARTY	M	USMC	O-3	4	jpmirish@hotmail.com



1976								
	RON	ADAMO	M	USN	O-5	21		ron.adamo@verizon.net
1978								
	MICHAEL	CARNEY	M	USAF	E-4	4		
1978								
	JOSEPH	FEZZA	M	USAF	E-4	4		jfezza@gmail.com
	Currently an Air Traffic Controller							
1979								
	JOHN	HALL	M	USMC	E-4	4		coachjohnopr@outlook.com
1980								
	DENISE	TABARY	F	USAF	O-5	20		tabary@cox.net
1981								


	ROBERT	DURNEY	M	USN	E-8	16		trezure@hotmail.com
	Served on the following submarines : USS Portsmouth SSN 707; USS Tinosa SSN 606; USS Flying Fish SSN 673; USS Boise SSN 764. Stationed in Groton, CT, Noefolk, VA, Charleston, SC and Pensacola, FL.							
1981								
	ED	FLANAGAN	M	USMC	E-7	20		
1981								
	BERNARD	POISSON	M	USAF	E-7	20	(801) 368-3971	bpoissonut@gmail.com
1981								
	CATHERINE	WOJTAS O'BRYAN	F	USAF	O-2	3		cobryan19@gmail.com
	USAF NURSE							
1981								


	KARL	WOLFER	M	USMC	E-7	21		
	In July 2017 Karl Wolfer, a retired US Marine, was murdered outside his home in Lighthouse Point.							
1982								
	JOHN	HRINKO	M	USMC	O-4	12	(678) 570-8630	john.hrinko@gmail.com
	Commissioned from Boston University ROTC; KC-130 Commander, Cherry Point, NC; Gulf War 1; Fwd Air Controller 3rd Bn 8th Marine Rgt; Flight Instructor, Whiting Field							
1982								
	PIUS 'BO'	LITZINGER	M	USA AC	UNK	3		

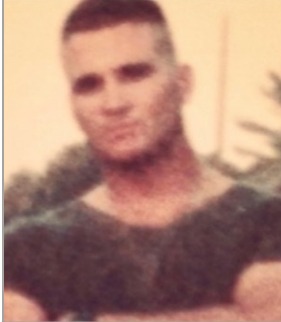
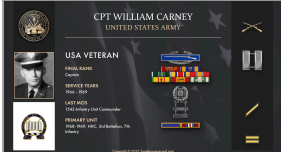
	<p>Bo was a three sport athlete at Xavier University in Ciccinnati, OH. He joined the US Army Air Corps in 1942 and stationed, for the most part, in Miami, but he did spend time in a small English community 40 miles north of London with the Eighth Air Force. He returned to South Florida“ in 1945. "Bo” was hired by the late Msgr, O’Looney. to be the basketball coach and athletic director at St Anthony’s School the forerunner of Central Catholic and St Thomas Aquinas High School. For 37 years Bo was the AD at these schools. In 1959 as the football coach his team beat Fort Lauderdale HS in the first game ever played at Lockhart Stadium. Many exceptional athletes played for Bo:Bill Zloch, who went on to quarterback 9-1 Notre Dame team in 1966, and Brian Piccolo, who was the nation's leading rusher at Wake Forest in 1965.</p>								
<p>1982</p>									
	<p>ART</p>	<p>TOMASSETTI</p>	<p>M</p>		<p>USMC</p>	<p>O-6</p>	<p>28</p>		

	<p>He earned his commission in 1986 and completed flight training in 1988. He served with two Fleet AV-8B Squadrons, VMA-542 and VMA-513, and flew 39 Combat missions during OperAtion Desert Storm. In 1997, Colonel Tomassetti attended the US Navy Test Pilot School and was assigned to the Joint Strike Fighter test force after graduation.He eventually became the lead government pilot for the X-35 Test Team and the only U.S. Government pilot to fly all three variants of the X-35 aircraft. His command tours include the US Navy’s Tactical Jet Test and Evaluation squadron and the Marine Aviation Detachment at Patuxent River, MD. His final military assignment was as the 33rd Fighter Wing Vice Commander where he helped to stand up F-35 training for pilots and maintainers at Eglin Air Force Base and also was an F-35 Instructor Pilot. He has more than 3200 hours in over 40 types of aircraft and is the only pilot to have flown both the X-35 and F-35. Upon retirement from the Marine Corps, Colonel Tomassetti worked for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics as the F-35B US Marine Corps Program Manager. He led a matrixed Lockheed Martin team that worked for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics as the F-35B U.S.Marine Corps Program Manager. and the first operational Marine F-35 Marine Corps Program Manager. He led a matrixed Lockheed MarPn team that supported all facets of Marine Corps F-35 Initial Operational Capability declaration deployments. He was part of the company’s re- organization team and developed a new construct for customer support and interaction. Since 2019, Colonel Tomassetti is a motivational speaker and the owner of Time2climb Training. Colonel Tomassetti has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Northwestern University and a M.S. in Aviation Systems from the University of Tennessee. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and 3 Air Medals. He is a Fellow and past President of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, the current Chairman of the Flight Test SafetyCommittee and a recipient of the Tony Levier Flight Test Safety Award.</p>							
<p>1982</p>								


	KELLY	HEATHERMAN	M		USMC	O-6	30	(954) 760-0736	kelly.heatherman@gmail.com
1983									
	MICHAEL	McHALE	M		USA & USMC	E-6	16		
	I graduated in 1983. Most of my peers went off to college. I went into the Marines. I went in college at BCC and FAU. I wentT back in 1998 and served until 2010								
1983									
	SCOTT	MURRAY	M		USAF	O-6	29	(650) 906-2113	dutchintel@gmail.com
	Enjoyed a great career as an Air Force intelligence officer. Humbled to have had the chance to lead our Nation's finest men and women multiple times in combat zones. It all started with the moral foundation I received at STA.								
1984									
	HOWARD	BRUCE III	M		USN	E-5	6	(954) 706-8327	hjjbruce@yahoo.com



	I had the honor of serving as a Reactor Operator aboard the now decommissioned CVN-65 USS Enterprise. I credit my education at St Thomas Aquinas along with my Naval experience with helping to make me the man I am today.							
1984								
	GEORGE	SALERNO	M	USA	O-5	21		
1985								
	CHRIS	CASHMAN	M	USN	O-3	5		
1985								
	WILLIE	MILLER	M	USN	E-5	6	(804) 497-0987	wmiller1830@icloud.com
1986								
	MARGARET "PEGGY"	HEATHERMAN KAGELEIRY		F	USA	O-5	35	pegkageleiry@gmail.com


	Spent 15 years in the Army Reserve and 20 years on active duty as an Army Public Affairs Officer, retiring in 2021. Served in Operation Iraqi Freedom (2007-2008) in Iraq and Operation Inherent Resolve in Kuwait(2014-2015), and Operation Promote Liberty in the Republic of Panama in 1993, and two tours in the Republic of Korea.								
1987									
	JOHN	FIORINO	M	USA	E-7	15	(754) 224-9395	fio169@comcast.net	
	ODA 209 2 Company C, 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group U.S. Army.								
1987									
	KEVIN	KENNEY	M	USA	E-3	3			
1988									


	CHRIS	BRITO	M	USMC	E-4	4		
	<p>Greatest move I ever made.. taught me discipline, courage, strength, and spirituality beyond words. Enabled me to excel in life. Became a Son, Brother, Husband and father that I'm very proud of and granted me the ability to become the business owner I am today. Wouldn't change a thing. Thank you to all the Men and Women of St. Thomas</p>							
1988								
	BILL	CARNEY	M	USA	O-3	9		bill@projectcourage.us
	<p>Retired from STA. Was a teacher & Track coach. Started a 2nd career in event management with the 1996 Atlanta Paralympics, Turner Sports NY Goodwill Games, 1999 Raleigh, NC Special Olympics and the 2006 Pac Rim Sport Summit in Seattle.</p>							
1988								
	WILLIAM	OCHOA	M	USAF	O-5	20		


1988								
	TODD	RICHARDS	M	USN	E-6	9.7	(813) 830-3471	hurricanetech41@gmail.com
1988								
	GREG	RIVERA	M	USN	O-3	6		
1989								
	KIERAN	CARNEY	M	USA & USAF	E-7	22		kieran.carney@gmail.com
	After graduating from FSU in January 2001 enlisted in the Army, and spent four years with 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. In 2005 transferred to the US Air Force as Pararescue Jumper. Retired in 2023							
1989								
	ERICK	HOFSTETTER	M	USA	E-4	2		
1989								
	STEVEN	LANG	M	USAF	O-6	26	(310) 880-5355	usaf@me.com
1989								

	<p>STEVE</p>	<p>McHALE</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>USMC</p>	<p>E-4</p>	<p>4</p>		
	<p>Gulf War Disable Veteran; Dessert Storm and Dessert Shield; Bosnian Peacekeeping Operations; Somalia Relief Operation. Currently active with Combat Veterans. Motorcycle Assoc. and Fairway for Warriors - our mission now is to support and defend those who have defended our country and our freedoms; Healing unseen wounds. Providing hope, healing, and camaraderie for combat wounded veterans Providing hope, healing, and camaraderie for combat wounded veterans and their families. Resides in Winter Garden and married to Amy with two daughters (Courtney and Avery)</p>							
<p>1991</p>								
	<p>HARRIS J.</p>	<p>BRUMER</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>USA</p>	<p>O-3</p>	<p>6</p>		
	<p>U.S. Military Academy at West Point Class of 1997</p>							
<p>1991</p>								
	<p>TAMMY</p>	<p>BURGUS (KERRIGAN)</p>	<p>F</p>	<p>USN</p>	<p>E-3</p>	<p>2</p>		
	<p>Served on the ARCO - ARDM 5, a floting dry dock that serviced fast attack submarines. I loved my time in and met my husband while serving.</p>							
<p>1991</p>								


	ERICK	DUCKWORTH	M	USA	O-5	26		duckworthe@hotmail.com
	Enlisted USAR 1990, - Graduate/Commissioned at USMA/West Point 1995. Branch - Armor -Overseas Service: Korea (1996-97, 2011-12), Combat Service: Operation Iraqi Freedom. (2005-06, 2009-10) - Final Duty Station: Pentagon, Washington DC.							
1992								
	NOLA	CARTER	M	USA	E-4	4		
1992								
	DEMAR	JACKSON	M	USMC	E-6	6		demarjack@me.com
1992								
	Dr. SOO HEE	KIM-DELIO	F	USA	O-6	20		
1992								


	MATT	PERRY	M		USA	E-6	9	(954) 558-4197	pettymatthew@hotmail.com
1993									
	MISTI	CAMELIN (DiMEOLA)	F		USA	W-2			
1993									
	ROBERT	KIRNER	M		USN	E-6	8		
	USS Helena SSN 725 Pearl Harbor, HI								
1993									
	GREG	BOLLRUD	M		USAF	O-3	10		
1993									
	JOHN	VOHS	M		USAF	E-6	20		jvohs32@gmail.com
1996									



	FRANCOIS	BETANCOURT	M		USAF	E-5	12		
1996									
	KELLY	WELSH	F		USN	O-3	7		
	<p>Former Team Captain and record holder for Naval Academy Women’s SwimTeam. Surface Warfare Officer deployed 4 times to various regions of the world to include the Pakistani coast immediately following the attacks on 9/11. Spent the last decade of my career serving as Permanent Military Faculty in the Leadership, Education, and Development Division at the U.S. Naval Academy. Co-Founder and Director of the Naval Academy Women’s Network.</p>								
1997									
		NICHOLAS KROSS	M		USCG	O-4	22	(910) 232-3194	nickkross29@gmail.com
1997									
	DANNY	THOMAS	M		USN	O-5	19		
1998									
	GREG	BERNERT	M		USN	E-5	5		




1999								
	ELIZABETH	HOWARD (BELL)	F				(443) 929-9852	elh412@gmail.com
2001								
	GREG	HOGANCANO	M	USA	E-4	6		
	<p>Combat medic. Deployed to OIF in 2006 with 1st Cavalry Division. Served as an emergency care sergeant for a combined arms company. Injured 28 May 2007 by an IED. Two (2) years of rehabilitation due to injuries followed by a medical retirement</p>							
2001								
	MARK	BRADOVICH	M	USN	O-4	15		
	<p>After graduating from STA in 2001, Mark attended the US Naval Academy and graduated with a B.S. in Systems Engineering. Following his USNA graduation, Mark entered the submarine force where he served on board the USS West Virginia (GOLD) nuclear ballistic submarine out of Kings Bay, GA. Following his tour Mark transitioned into Information Warfare Community within the Navy as a Cryptologic Warfare Officer specializing in Signals Intelligence and Information Operations.</p>							
2002								


	DAVID	COLLAZO	M		USMC	E-6	9		
2002									
	ARTHUR	COSTA	M		USMC	E-5	6	(305) 503-7081	LordAC13@aol.com
2002									
	THERESA	HIATT (PERRIN)		F	USN				
2002									
	DANIEL	LENNON	M		USAF	E-5	10		
2002									
	BRIAN	STRANG	M		USA	O-4	10		bstrang@gmail.com
2002									
	CHRISTOPHER	TINGLOFF	M		USA	O-3	9	(732) 258-1719	chris.tinglof@gmail.com

	<p>Graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point as a Quartermaster Officer. Served nine years active duty which included being stationed at Fort Lee, Fort Bliss, Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Kuwait, and Maysan Province Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Positions included Transportation Platoon Leader, Fuel & water Platoon Leader, Company Executive OfficeR of a Forward Support Company, and Company Command. Transitioned to Corporate America to better support my family.</p>							
2004								
	ALEX	PUENTE	M	USMC	O-3	8		
2004								
	DAN	WILKIE	M	USAF	O-2	2		
2005								
	NICHOLAS	D'ANGELO	M	USA	E-4	4		
2005								
	ANDREW	JOHNSON	M	USN	O-4	7	(954) 461-1806	johnson.andrew.steven@gmail.com
	Medical Corps Orthopedic Surgeon							

2006									
	RICARDO	BARBOSA	M	USMC	E-5	5	(954) 816-3908	rabarbosa1@gmail.com	
2007									
	CHRIS	HILL	M	USMC	E-4	4			
2007									
	KENT	MELENDEZ	M	USAF	O-3	8			
2009									
	DANIEL	STICH	M	USA	O-1	6		dlstich2@gmail.com	
2009									
	JAMES	BAKER	M	USA	O-3	7	(305) 282-6746	jimmybaker128@gmail.com	

	<p>Attended STA my senior year and then attended Florida State University, where I earned a commission from Army ROTC. I've served as an Infantry Officer at Fort Benning. Fort Drum and Fort Jackson. Currently, I serve as a Special Operations Civil Affairs Officer at Fort Bragg</p>								
2010									
	MARISSA	MILIKEN (LIHAN)	F	USN	UNK	7			
2010									
	ESMEE	RAMOS	F	USAF	UNK	6	(954) 599-1194	esmeediaz13@hotmail.com	
	<p>After obtaining my B.A., I decided to join the U.S. Air Force, in which I served from Nov. 2014 to Nov. 2020. I enlisted as a Security Forces member and was stationed at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico throughout the tenure of my enlistment. I deployed to Afghanistan as a part of Operation Resolute Support in 2018 and conducted airfield security in a combat zone. I decided to separate from the military after 6 years of service to go back to school and get my MS degree.</p>								
2010									
	MATTHEW	WHELAN	M	USAF	E-6	11		mattwhelan1510@yahoo.com	

	After graduating high school at 17 years old became a US Air Force Firefighter. Stationed at Keesler AFB, MS, Osan AB, S. Korea, Chievres AFB, Belgium, Seymour-Johnson AFB, NC. Three deployments to Afghanistan, Somalia and Kuwait.							
2015								
	NICHOLAS	TRIPP	M	USN	E-5	2		nctripp57@gmail.com
2016								
	ALAN	CONCHA	M	USN	E-3	2		marybravo2003@yahoo.com
	Duty stationed in Yokosuka, Japan attached to USS Ronald Reagan							
2016								
	ST. JOHN	PROLUX	M	USA	O-1	1		

	I never really thought of joining the military until my junior year. Once I found out about West Point and it's prestige, I knew it would be the best choice academically, financially and for my future. After enduring 4 years at West Point, I am now currently a Platoon Leader in the 82nd Airborne division. I would recommend anyone to go the route I chose, keep in mind that it is not for everyone.							
2017								
	JACKSON	SEACREST	M	USMC	E-4	4		
	I grew up in Fort Lauderdale and attended Saint Anthony Catholic School and St Thomas Aquinas High School (2017 Grad). I wasn't feeling college so I enlisted in the Marine Corps. Went to boot camp in 2018 with an infantry contract. I got sent to be part of 3rd battalion 3rd Marines in Kaneohe Bay HI. I tried out for Scout Sniper Platoon. Things worked out and haven't looked back. Heading to Scout Sniper School in a couple months.							
CURRENTLY								
	ED	WATERS	M	USA	E-4	4		

