

Mark Brousseau Obituary

"Colonel Mark John Brousseau, USMC (Ret.), passed away at his home in Mission Viejo, California on 13 July, 2019 after a long illness. Mark was 67 years old.

"Mark grew up in Upper Montclair, New Jersey, the son of Colonel and Mrs. Robert Brousseau, USAR (Ret). Mark, a gymnast in high school, attended the US Naval Academy where he majored in Operations Analysis, and completed parachute training at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Lakehurst, NJ. At the Academy, Mark was quiet, unflappable and a friend to all. He was a proud member of the 19th company and the class of 1973.

"Upon graduation Mark received his commission as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps, became a CH-53 pilot, spent time at Marine Corps Air Stations Santa Anna and Tustin, was a T-34C instructor at Pensacola, participated in Operation Desert Storm and was Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 24. He retired in 2004. His last assignment was as Commanding Officer of the USC and UCLA NROTC units. Mark obtained masters degrees in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, CA, and in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Newport, RI. He was awarded, among other medals, the Legion of Merit (x4), Bronze Star, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

"Mark was will be remembered as a remarkably strong, moral, intelligent, disciplined, and generous leader of men; his bosses called him 'superhuman' for his ability to turn around amazingly difficult situations; and those who worked for him loved him. He is survived by his sister, Robin Brousseau, of Vienna, VA."