## Ride-2-Remember Rider

## **Tom Tesoriero**

I was born November 11, 1951 in Brooklyn, New York. We relocated to Staten Island, NY where I attended Monsignor Farrell H.S. and received my congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Graduating with the 24th Company ("Hardcore 24"), I served over five years in the Submarine Force. After completing Nuclear Power School in Mare Island, CA, Nuclear Prototype Training in West Milton NY and Submarine School in Groton, CT, I made deterrent patrols onboard the USS Lafayette (SSBN 616G) out of Holy Loch, Scotland. I still regularly attend my boat's reunions. After successfully completing my Engineer Officer qualifications, I served as a weapons instructor at Sub School New London.

After separation from active duty, I stayed in the Naval Reserves for over 15 years. I took on a number of roles in my civilian career in the machinery business including Sales, Operations, and General Management in the U.S. as well as an Expat in Canada and Singapore

I had been an avid runner for most of my life until my knees gave out around age 60. After getting both knees replaced, I became an avid bicycle rider annually pedaling week long rides through Oregon.

I currently live in Hood River, Oregon within the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area, with my wife, Margie, of more than 40 years. We have two sons and two daughters and 5 grandkids.

Since fully retiring a couple of years ago, I remained physically active skiing in the winter and cycling and doing water sports in the summer with family and especially grandkids.

I look forward to this cross country bike ride to symbolically gather our deceased classmates back to Annapolis for our 50th graduation reunion. It will certainly be a privilege for me to gather with other classmates each day of the ride to reflect together and individually honor our deceased classmates.





