

Ride-2-Remember Rider

Bill Montgomery

I was born in Washington, DC October 13, 1950. My father was USNA '42 and we moved up and down the East Coast with his orders to various commands, plus a year in Southern California. I graduated from high school in Alexandria, VA and received a presidential nomination to the Academy.

I graduated with First Company and selected Naval Aviation, serving 22 years in a variety of operational, acquisition and staff assignments. I flew the E-2C Hawkeye carrier-based airborne early warning aircraft, including a tour with a squadron based in Japan aboard USS Midway (CV-41). Another highlight was a four-year tour in Belgium with the NATO Airborne Early Warning Programme, working with the multinationally-crewed NATO AEW Force.

I retired from the Naval Air Systems Command in 1995 and since 1997 have been a project manager and study director with Whitney, Bradley & Brown, Inc., an engineering and technical services consulting firm in Reston, Virginia. WBB was acquired by Serco, Inc. in 2021.

I am a graduate of USNA, the Defense Systems Management College and The George Washington University Executive MBA Program. I am skipper of the Association of Naval Aviation's Washington-Anacostia Squadron and vice president of The Love Quilt Project, a nonprofit that provides love, warmth and educational support to orphaned and vulnerable children affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic in South Africa.

My wife Patricia and I currently live in Fairfax, Virginia. We have a daughter, Jacqueline, in New York City and a vizsla, Molly, who resides with us. For my 70th birthday, Jacqueline and I did a 70-mile bike ride around Northern Virginia. We attend St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Arlington, Virginia, where I'm involved in local and international mission projects. The St. Peter's Pedalers is an active group that often chooses to ride our bikes instead of drive the 140 miles to our annual parish retreat.

When Doug came up with the idea of the Ride-2-Remember I was intrigued and somehow convinced myself this would be a great thing for me to do. We have all lost friends from the class over the years; First Co. has had two memorial services for the six we have lost. I look forward to honoring them and all of our departed brothers.

