



RADM John Edward Dombroski

July 5, 1945 - July 1, 2018

Rear Admiral John Edward Dombroski, United States Navy (Ret.) passed away Sunday, July 1, 2018 in Tallahassee. He was 72 years old.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, July 5th at St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral in Tallahassee. Military honors will be rendered at the church following the service. A reception for family and friends will be held immediately following the service in the Cathedral's Parish Hall.

Gifts in memory of Admiral Dombroski may be made to The Rotary Foundation (my.rotary.org); or to St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral Building Fund, 4784 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

A native of Beacon Falls, CT, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity College in June 1967, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He attended Cornell Law School from 1967 to 1969, prior to entering Officer Candidate School where he was commissioned as an Ensign in 1969. His tours of duty as an unrestricted line officer included assignment to USS MOALE as the combat information center officer, where he received his surface warfare officer qualification, and to USS LUISENO as executive officer.

In January 1972, Admiral Dombroski transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Corp and returned to Cornell Law School, graduating in 1973 with a Juris Doctorate degree. After admission to the Connecticut Bar, he was assigned to the Ninth Naval District Law Center, Great Lakes, IL, serving as senior defense counsel, then senior trial counsel. From 1976 to 1978, he

served as a military judge at the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary Branch Office, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL.

Between 1978 to 1979, he attended George Washington University, obtaining his Master of Laws degree in Law, Psychiatry, and Criminology with highest honors. He next served as base judge advocate for Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, CT and later was assigned as the staff judge advocate to Commander Submarine Group TWO. Admiral Dombroski next reported to the Naval Legal Service Office, Philadelphia, PA, as executive officer. In 1986 he assumed command of Naval Legal Service Office, Mayport, FL, serving there until 1989 when he reported to the Office of the Judge Advocate General as Division Director and Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General for Management and Plans. In 1992 he was named the Assistant Judge Advocate General for Operations and Management, and Vice Commander, Naval Legal Service Command. In 1995 Admiral Dombroski was reassigned as an associate judge on the U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. In March 1996, the Judge Advocate General appointed him to be the chief judge of the court. He retired from active service in January 1998.

Admiral Dombroski's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with two gold stars), Navy Commendation Medal (with gold star), and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Survivors include his wife Julie Ann Dombroski of Tallahassee; his daughter Christine Jecko (Sean) of Durham, NC; his son Matthew Dombroski (Tori) of Pleasanton, CA; his sister Andrea Redden of Naugatuck, CT; and three grandchildren Ann Elizabeth Jecko, Jonathan Jecko and Savannah Sadie Dombroski.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee (850/385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Dombroski family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

St Peter's Anglican Cathedral
4787 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Reception for family and friends following the service

JUL 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JP

“ John was my boss at MCC in Tallahassee for 5 years during the pre 9~11 era. A taskmaster and a perfectionist OTJ, but a fair and empathetic evaluator of the quality of the product we published. He was a GREAT leader and boss. He was sorely missed by his ex-employees

Jose Pepepinga - April 29, 2025 at 12:32 PM

MD

“ John and Julie were stationed with us in Great Lakes and what amazing friends they were. They stood as godparents to our younger son, Robert Parker, and I so wanted to share the news that Rob and Kelley have a beautiful son, Rhys. I am just so sorry that the world has lost this decent, sweet man. Love to Julie and the children. RIP dear, dear friend. Meg Parker deBlank

meg deBlank - January 08, 2020 at 09:04 PM

GP

“ I knew John at Naugatuck HS '63 as one knows the Gods on Olympus. Yet he was always friendly, kind and willing to join us at lunch. You know what that means in HS. He was Valedictorian of course and impressive even then. Our Lord must be in need of a good lawyer and a friendly face. A good man all round and gone too soon.

Gerald Pannick

Gerald Pannick - September 07, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ Getting ready to attend a new church in Lakeland called St. David's Episcopal Church. While stationed in New London, CT, at the Subbase, CDR (at that time he was a CDR/my boss, I was YNSN Kathy Holcomb) Dombroski and his family would pick me up on Sunday mornings to take me to church with them...to St. David's Episcopal Church in Gale's Ferry, where I was also confirmed. He was an amazing boss. My heartfelt Prayers and Condolences are with his family.

Kathleen VanMiddlesworth, LNC, USN (Retired), Lakeland, FL

Kathleen VanMiddlesworth - August 11, 2018 at 03:16 PM



“ Just learned of this...our thoughts are with your family. We knew you all in New London at sub base when I was Judge there. John was a great fellow and a superb officer. Michael and Susan Stimson....

Michael and Susan Stimson - July 09, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ John and I were classmates at Naugatuck High School. He was a great guy, a real gentleman, and very open-minded. He was a real bright spot in our class. He will be deeply missed.
Please accept my condolences.

*Tony Finateri
Beacon Falls, CT*

Tony Finateri - July 05, 2018 at 11:28 AM