

CWO4 (RET) Robert S. Walecki entered active duty as an E-1 on 21 January 1974 and attended boot camp at RTC Great Lakes, IL

His assignments include Aviation Ordnance 'A' School NATTC Memphis, TN; USS Midway (CVA-41); VA-52, NAS Key West FL; VAQ-132; VAQ-129; VPU-2; NAS Adak, AK; VFA-27; NAS Lemoore; VFA-22; and VFA-125;

CWO4 Walecki's awards include: Southwest Asia Service Medal (2); Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (10); Vietnam Service Medal (Operation Frequent Wind), National Defense Service Medal (3); Navy Expeditionary Medal (4); Meritorious Unit Commendation (4), Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2), Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3); and Meritorious Serve Medal.

Rob had an extremely successful active-duty career, moving through the ranks from E-1 to CWO4. During that career his efforts made a significant and positive impact on the Aviation Ordnance community and the Navy as a whole. Since retirement, he has continued to contribute to the success, professionalism and reputation of the AO community, through his continued high level of commitment to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and the Aviation Ordnance Community.

Following his military career, his contributions to the ordnance community working as a civilian contractor supporting the Warfighter as a member of the NAVAIR NAWCWD Fleet Weapons Support Team from 2004 through 2016. He was recognized by NAWCWD with the Warfighter Support Award in recognition of his exceptional superior service and dedicated efforts as a member of the Fleet Weapons Support Team (FWST) and outstanding support to the Warfighter

He is stalwart supporter of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and has been involved with the Association for more than 4 decades since joining in 1982. He first attended a meeting with Chapter 3 Whidbey Island, WA. He was the founder of Chapter 11 Barbers Point Hawaii, and he has been a member of various Chapters for 30 consecutive years.

His contributions to the Association go far beyond the local Chapter level. He has been a National Board of Director 2005-2105 and has participated on the John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Board for more than 25 years. He served as the National Vice-President of the Association from 2015-2019. He has also participated on the Robert L. Crow Scholarship Committee. He has contributed significantly to fund raising for the Auxiliary's Association's scholarship programs as well as being the auctioneer

He is Life Member # 0948 and is most deserving of his the induction into the Aviation Ordnanceman Hall of Fame.