

J. Ronald Terwilliger selected as 59th NSCF Distinguished Alumnus

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Navy Supply Corps Foundation, I am pleased to announce J. Ronald Terwilliger as the 59th Navy Supply Corps Foundation Distinguished Alumnus. The Navy Supply Corps Foundation Distinguished Alumni program recognizes individual Supply Corps officers who have distinguished themselves after their Naval career “by obtaining significant success in the public or private sector and who credit their Supply Corps experience as a basic foundation of further professional achievements.”



Ron graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with honors in 1963, was commissioned as a Supply Corps officer and served five years on active duty.

Ron received his Master of Business Administration with High Distinction from Harvard Business School, where he was named a Baker Scholar. Following his graduation from Navy Supply Corps School, Ron played a year on the “Sublant” basketball team which won the All-Navy Championship. Thereafter, he joined the Nuclear Submarine Navy and served as Supply Officer on a Polaris nuclear submarine, after which he was transferred to the Norfolk Navy Supply Center purchasing department.

Ron is an ardent supporter of the U.S. Naval Academy and credits much of his success to the opportunities provided to him by the Academy and the Navy Supply Corps. Ron is Chairman Emeritus of Trammell Crow Residential Company and current Chairman of the ULT Terwilliger Center for Housing, which focuses on workforce and affordable housing—furthering the development of mixed-income communities with a range of housing options. Additionally, Ron is past Chairman of the Urban Land Institute (and currently serves as a Trustee), Chairman Emeritus of the Wharton Real Estate Center, past Chairman of the International Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity, currently Chair of Habitat’s Global Development Council and Chair of the “I Have a Dream Foundation” (a nonprofit dedicated to educating low-income children), Chairman of the Enterprise Community Partners Board of Trustees, and serves on the boards of the

U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, the Urban Institute, and the Horatio Alger Association.

In 2009, Ron was honored by the United States Naval Academy as a Distinguished Graduate for his lifetime commitment to service, personal character, and distinguished contributions to our nation. In 2012, Ron received the National Patriotism Award by the National Foundation of Patriotism. Additionally, he was selected for the Prestigious Horatio Alger Award – Class of 2014, bestowed upon individuals who have succeeded despite adversity and who are committed to supporting young people in pursuit of increased opportunities through higher education.

Other awards Ron received include the 2017 Edward W. Brooke Housing Leadership Award for his outstanding contributions to elevating the national discussion on rebalancing federal housing policy to better serve the needs of low-income households, the 2013 ULI Prize for Visionaries in Urban Development, the Housing Leader of the Year Award in 2009 by the National Housing Conference and he was inducted into the National Association of Homebuilder’s Hall of Fame in 2008.

Below are a few images from Ron Terwilliger's November 6th DA Recognition Ceremony in Atlanta, GA. Please join me in welcoming Ron to the ranks of the Navy Supply Corps Foundation’s Distinguished Alumni Program. Thank you for supporting your Foundation and helping to “take care of our own”.

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