



Bio Data: William E. Dudley

Born in Williamston, N.C. and graduating from Williamston High School, I entered the U.S. Air Force in January 1955. After completing Basic training, I applied for and was accepted into Officer Candidate School Program (OCS) I was commissioned and went on to Basic Flight training. I spent 10 years on active duty flying mostly heavy cargo type aircraft, performing maintenance officer duties, and deployed in several world crisis mobilizations. I left active duty after 10 years and transferred to the Active Reserve Force retiring with the rank of Lt.Col

I attended East Carolina University majoring in Industrial Management and Wake Forest University Babcock School of Management with a degree in Financial Management

A career in Aerospace was highlighted by mid-management and executive management level positions including President and CEO of several Fortune 500 aerospace companies, both in the U.S., U.K. and Singapore. A career of nearly 45 years was a rewarding experience that provided many opportunities to travel the world, live in and enjoy other cultures, and appreciate the vast freedoms and opportunities we have in this country.

The experiences of my military and working career has provided me the skills and desire to give back to our community. My passion for volunteering and serving others provides a driving ambition to reach out to our community and help when and where needed.

Since retiring in 2000, I have served in many levels of the Navy League of the United States including Council President of the local Council, Area President of Northeast Florida, Region President of the State of Florida, National Vice President and have been a National Director for 15 years.

In September, 2008, I was awarded the Superior Public Service Award by the Secretary of the Navy, Donald Winter for establishing the Individual Augmentee Recognition Program honoring all our Navy sailors returning from an IA deployment. This program was recognized throughout the Navy and also received a letter of appreciation from the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Gary Roughhead. In November of 2021, I was awarded the Rear Admiral Kevin Delaney Hall of Fame Award for contribution and leadership to veterans throughout northeast Florida. At the November 2, 2021 BCC meeting, the St. Johns Board of County Commissioners recognized me by declaring Bill Dudley Day at the County Commission meeting

I am also the Chairman of the Veterans Council of St. Johns County, a position I have held for the past 13 years. I hold the position of Vice Chairman of the Jacksonville National Cemetery Support Committee and served on the Advisory Committee for the Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home during the construction of that facility. I have served over the past 7 years on several Veterans Advisory Boards in Tallahassee for the FDVA. I have served on the Military Academy Selection Committee for Senators Mel Martinez, Senator George Lemieux, and currently for Senator Marco Rubio. I previously served on the Veterans Advisory committee for Congressman Ron DeSantis and often communicated with he and his staff on local veteran's issues before he was elected Governor. In 2017 I was appointed to the Florida Defense Support Task Force by Florida State Senate President Joe Negron. I currently serve as a member of the Board of Directors for Community Hospice and Palliative Care and a member of Community Hospice Veterans Partnership. I also serve on the advisory committee to Flagler Health Continuum of Care and on the Board of Directors for Home Again St. Johns. In Feb. 2023, I was appointed by the Florida Speaker of the House, Paul Renner to the Council for the Florida Veteran Hall of Fame Award.

I was instrumental in helping establish a Veterans Treatment Court for St. Johns County which was activated in January 2017 with Judge Howard McGillin presiding from the bench. Judge McGillin and I worked in partnership for nearly three years to establish the Veterans Treatment Court when he was in private practice. This has been a highly successful diversionary court with a success rate of less than 2% recidivism.

I am a member of Anastasia Baptist Church where I serve on the Senior Deacon Board. I have been married to my wife Nancy for the past 61 years and we have one son Troy, and two grandsons Ethan and Avery, ages 19 and 15.