

10. Captain Thomas Benedict Rothrauff, USN 8/9/1982 – 8/11/1984



A native of Altoona, PA, Captain Rothrauff was commissioned Ensign with year group 58 after graduating from Saint Francis College of Pennsylvania.

A Surface Warfare Specialist, he has had shipboard assignments in Submarine, Destroyer, Amphibious and Service Force Units. He commanded the USS Pensacola(LSD-38) from August 1975 through 1977 and was Commander Naval Beach Group TWO from November 1980 through March 1982.

Capt. Rothrauff has served ashore at U.S. Naval Bases, Philadelphia PA and Newport, RI. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Special warfare School Fort Bragg, NC; the U.S. Army Special Forces Group Airborne School, Okinawa, Japan; the U.S. Navy Electronic Warfare School, Dam Neck, VA; the U.S. Naval War College, Senior Officer Naval Warfare Course, and the CNO's Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course, Naval Reactor Facility, Idaho Falls, ID. In addition, he studied Russian Foreign Policy at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England.

Capt. Rothrauff served on the staffs of Commander, U.S. Military Advisory Command, Vietnam where he was a psychological warfare field action officer; Commander Amphibious Squadron SIX as the Operations/Plans Officer; Commander-In-Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, London, England, and on the staff of the Commander-In-Chief, United States European Command, Stuttgart, Germany as the Executive Assistant/Senior Aide to the U.S. Army, Lieutenant General, Chief of Staff.

He is designated a U.S. Army Parachutist and is a qualified U.S. Navy/Marine Corps Parachutist. He wears the following awards: Joint Meritorious service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon, State of Vietnam Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross.

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Dr. Thomas Rothrauff, DPA



Military Service: U.S. Navy: A Surface Warfare Specialist, Captain Rothrauff, USN held four major Naval commands: USS Pensacola (LSD-38) and the USS Seattle (AOE-3) as Commanding Officer and Naval Beach Group Two and Service Squadron Four as Commodore. He served on major Naval and Joint Services staffs in Vietnam, England, and Germany. After officially leaving active duty he served four years as a Naval Convoy Commodore at the request of the U.S. Navy.

A full time faculty member for 20 years with the academic rank of Professor. Retired from Saint Leo as a Professor Emeritus and taught for two years as an adjunct faculty member in the MBA program at Saint Leo University. Employment time spent at the South Hampton Roads Center in Virginia as a full time faculty member, and as an adjunct in the Center for Online Learning.

"Employment at Saint Leo provided me the opportunity to interact with students and the administration to further the core values of the University of which I also followed my entire Naval career. It was a wonderful confirmation that the best organizations have positive and proactive guidance to pass on to everyday members."