

CPT Tim Waechter
Class of 1969
Enshrined 2018



Tim Waechter was commissioned by the Xavier University ROTC program as a Field Artillery Officer and graduated January 1969. Upon completion of Officer Basic Course at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma he was assigned to Ft. Irwin, CA. Tim deployed to Vietnam on November 17, 1969 and was assigned to 3rd Corps and Tay Ninh province as a target acquisition specialist in the OH-58A Kiowa helicopter. At night, he was assigned to numerous fire bases as a battery executive officer. He participated in the preparation for the incursion into Cambodia, Feb-April '70. He was shot down over Cambodia and rescued by combat search and rescue. The last 4 months of his tour he was assigned as the acting fire base commander, Fire Base Freedom, in 2nd Corps area of operations in the mountains across from Cam Rahn Bay Air Base. His mission was to suppress enemy missile fire into the base. Upon completion of his tour, he returned

stateside December '70 and served as Basic Training Company Commander, Ft Knox KY until February '72 when he was honorably discharged. Tim is the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal for Valor (V device), The Air Medal (3 awards), the Vietnam Campaign Medal and Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

In civilian life, Tim had a 37-year career at Procter & Gamble working in both management and marketing. Tim was one of 10 managers to start The Kroger Business Team, responsible for the retail presence of P&G brands in 1500 Kroger, King Sooper, Fry's, Ralph's, Fred's, QFC and Food 4 Less stores.

He is actively involved with the Veterans Outreach Advisory Council focusing on Vietnam Veteran issues and Veteran suicide prevention. In 2014 he was inducted into "The Ford Oval of Honor" in honor of his service to the country.

Tim is a founding member of the La Salle Veterans Committee and Moeller Veterans Committee. His volunteer activity at Moeller spans 36 years, 19 as a varsity football coach, now on the school athletic board and named scholarship committee. He has managed "Vietnam Day" for 15 years, leads Veteran Group discussions and coordinates the school Veterans Day ceremony. Tim has volunteered at La Salle High School for 5 years helping start the school's Veteran's Appreciation Day ceremony and Veteran panel discussions both in their 4th year. He has championed the construction of permanent Veteran's monuments/memorials at both schools as well.

For fun, Tim is the Vice President of Marketing/PR/Social Media for the winningest non-wing sprint car team in USAC National Sprint Car racing history with 11 National Championships and 101 National Wins. He has also been the tire engineer for 15 years. Tim has been a member of the Hoffman Racing team for 6 National Championships and 61 National wins. Securing sponsors for all 18 years I have been with the Team.

Tim has been married to his wife Diane for 50 years in June 2018. They have 3 daughters, all married, and 5 Grandchildren (Two are in college, three are in High School) and they joy of his life.

