

# David N. Clyde

David Clyde was born in 1934 and should have graduated from NHS in 1952, but he joined the Navy in 1951 and had to wait until 1954 to finally get his diploma. As a youth, David was active in the Boy Scouts of America, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. While at NHS, he played in the band and was a state winner of the baritone horn competition. As a teen, besides being busy with scouting and the band, he was a grocery store clerk, a paper delivery boy, and a construction worker.

David was in the Navy from 1951 to 1973. While serving his country, he earned 37 military decorations (16 for combat valor, including two Purple Hearts). In 1973, he was the European Pistol Champion and the Mediterranean Fleet Pistol Champion. He earned an associate of arts degree from the University of Maryland in 1962.

Having worked his way up through the ranks, David retired as an officer. After leaving the Navy, he earned a B. A. from Bowling Green State University in 1975, graduating *magna cum laude*. He went on to the University of Toledo, College of Law, and earned a Juris Doctor in 1978. Since 1979, he has been an attorney and a pro tem judge. He is still robust and does all the things he likes to do, including search and rescue flying for the Civil Air Patrol.

In his community, David was president of the Kiwanis Club of Hereford, Texas, president of the Oasis Shrine Club in Hereford, and president of the Island-wide PTA in Guam. He has a California lifetime college teacher's certificate, and is a deacon in his church.

David has eleven children with birthdates ranging from 1955 to 2009. David, Jr., is a retired Army officer and a distinguished aviator; Jeffrey is ex-Navy with two purple hearts; Jake is a recent graduate of the Philippine Maritime Academy. His wife Violeta is a student, importer/exporter, and coconut plantation owner. He spent some time in the Philippines this past summer to bring his six adopted children to the U. S. in time for his induction into the Hall of Fame, which they all have looked forward to.

“For those who have enough drive, nothing is unattainable. We must ultimately account for our life-time activities. I found no atheists during times of active combat. If you love what you do, there are not enough hours in the day—if you do not, the days seem never to end. Finally, I would like to thank Hugh Sauer for his faith in me.”