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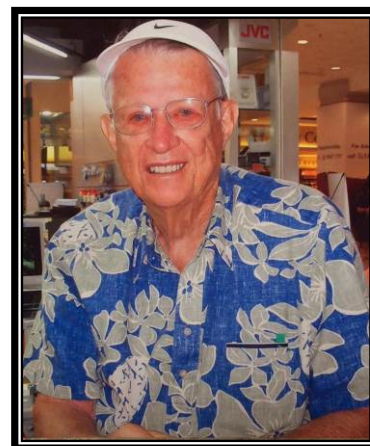
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#### PASSING OF RETIRED CDR FREDRICK AUSTIN CURTICE, DC, USN

23 May 1935 – 2 August 2015

Retired CDR Frederick Austin Curtice passed away unexpectedly following complications from surgery on Sunday, 2 August 2015.

He was born in San Francisco 23 May 1935 and grew up in the Bay area until age six when he moved to Hawaii just prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. In 1953 his family moved to Kobe, Japan where he attended the Kyoto American High School, from which he graduated in 1953. He completed his undergraduate studies at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon and attended dental school at the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU).



Dr. Frederick Curtice entered the Navy via direct accession following his graduation from OHSU in 1962. His assignments as a dental officer included the *USS Gompers*, *USS Enterprise*, Naval Dental Center (NDC) Long Beach, NDC Pearl Harbor, and NDC San Diego (32nd St) where he completed an advanced clinical program in prosthodontics. He retired from the Navy in 1984 and worked in private practice for 20 years in both Kailua and Kaneohe, Hawaii. In addition, he traveled several times a year to the Midway Island Atol under contract to provide dental care to the Sri Lankans, hired to preserve the island's natural resources and structures built during the US Navy occupation surrounding WWII. Following his retirement from the Navy, he spent his free time traveling the world with Sheila, his wife and companion of 36 years. Together they made a lifetime of friendships and memories.

Fred was an avid surfer, scuba diver, and runner who completed 5 Hawaiian Marathons during his lifetime. His greatest passion was snow skiing, having served on the Mt Hood Ski Patrol during his time in Portland, Oregon as a college student. He LOVED his time in the Navy, saying it was the best decision he ever made. Ultimately it was this genuine love for his service in the Navy and to this country that encouraged his son to sign up on reserve commission while in dental school, also at OHSU.

He is survived by his wife, two brothers, a son, a daughter, a grandson, a granddaughter, two stepdaughters, a stepson, two stepgrandsons, and a stepgranddaughter. He was a great father, husband,

friend, clinician, mentor, and overall humanitarian who will be deeply missed by those who knew him.



**Pictured above:** Retired CDR Curtice renders his first and only salute to his son, CAPT Scott Curtice, during his promotion ceremony to the rank of captain on 1 September 2010 at Yokosuka Naval Hospital.

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