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PASSING OF CDR SCOTT E. HALUSKA, DC, USN

Oct 17, 1963 - July 13, 2012

A native of Patton, Pennsylvania, CDR Haluska attended the University of Pittsburgh where he received a Bachelor's degree in biology, and then Doctor of Dental Medicine in 1988. After graduation, he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the United States Navy and attended the General Practice Residency program at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. As a general dentist, Scott enjoyed a wide variety of duty stations, to include Naval Communication Station Harold E. Holt near Exmouth, Australia; Branch Dental Clinic Keflavik, Iceland; USS Simon Lake (AS 33); Naval Dental Center Parris Island, South Carolina; Naval Branch Dental Clinic La Maddalena, Italy; and Naval Health Clinic Patuxent River, Maryland. He completed residency training in Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Maryland in 2008, and received board certification in 2009. After training, Scott reported to the Naval Medical Center San Diego, California, where he served from 2008-2011. In June 2011, he accepted orders as Chairman of Pediatric Dentistry at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School, Bethesda, Maryland, where he served until his death.

Throughout his career, no matter where he was stationed, Scott ensured that all his patients received the highest quality of care. He used his affable and courteous character, combined with his honesty and verbal brevity, to show all of the people that he worked with how absolutely genuine, humble, wonderful, righteous, and splendid a person can be.

Married 15 ½ years, Scott delighted in his role as father and husband and kept those as his highest priority. He is survived by wife Heather, two sons Leo (11) and Marek (13), parents Sandra and George Haluska, and a brother and sister.

His military awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards), Meritorious Unit Citation, Navy "E" Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon. Scott's exceptional life and career is now marked by an enormous contribution to our Nation.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested in Scott's memory to Patton Borough Park Pool, c/o Patton Borough Office, P.O. Box 175, Patton, Pa. 16668.

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