

Harold Edward Henning

Captain 'Harry' Henning, USNR (Ret.), passed away on 21 April 2018 in Lebanon, TN, following a battle with cancer.

Harry was born in Abilene, KS, where his father was a golf pro. Harry joined the Naval Academy through NAPS, from the fleet. He always said that entering USNA was not his first thought, but his CO encouraged him and for that, he was ever thankful. An outgoing and personable member of the 21st Company, Harry was one who could always bring a smile to everyone's lips. He was not a fan of "P works" and his favorite subject was liberty, which he practiced often and was a charter member of the "flying squadron."

In June 1960, Harry headed to Pensacola, FL, to start the next journey of winning his Wings of Gold. From flight training, Harry joined Fighter Squadron 13 at NAS Cecil Field in Jacksonville, FL, and SHANGRI-LA in Mayport, FL. From there, Harry reported as a navy flight instructor at Kingsville, TX.

Resigning from active duty, he joined the Naval Air Reserve in Willow Grove, PA, and became an American Airlines pilot. In 1968, he was recalled to active duty for a year when PUEBLO was taken by North Korea.

After his release from recall, he flew for American Airlines for 30 years, based in Dallas, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Nashville, flying both domestic and international flights in several models of passenger aircraft.

Harry said that his life improved tremendously in 1991, when he married Annelise Metscher. In addition to Annelise, Harry is survived by his former wife, Pat; their three children, Cindy Stearns-Guttmann (and her husband, Steve), Steve Henning (retired Air Force) (and his wife, Mimi) and Cathy Malczynski (and her husband, Rick '86); and nine grandchildren, Nicholas, Nathan and Sara, Elizabeth, Cameron, Liam, Madeleine Malczynski '19, Michael (who enlisted in the Marine Corps) and Kenny.

July-August 2018 Shipmate