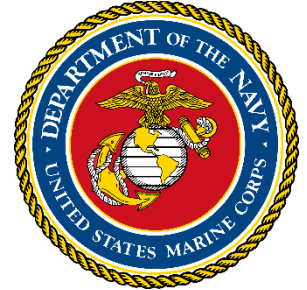


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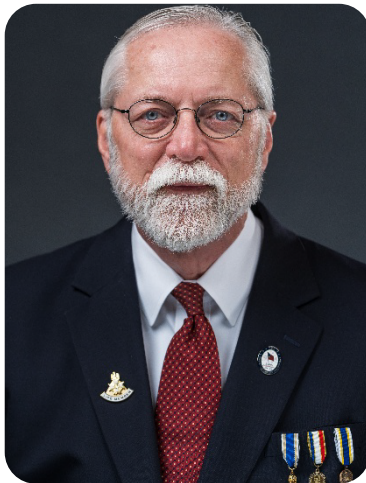
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ROBERT LOFTHOUSE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
CAPTAIN (O-3) AND MECHANIC
JUNE 23, 1970 – JULY 22, 1974



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Robert Lofthouse was born on November 10, 1950, in Valley City, North Dakota, to the parents of Annette and John Lofthouse.

Robert grew up in Chanute, Kansas, attending Chanute High School after eight years of St. Patrick's Catholic parochial program. Following the marriage to his wife, Patricia, on June 21, 1980, in Bristol, New Hampshire; they are celebrating 46 years of marriage this year.

Robert served for four years in the U.S. Marine Corps enlisting on June 23, 1970, and was given an Honorable Discharged on July 22, 1974. He is a Vietnam War Era Marine. Robert served as a Marine plane captain and jet engine mechanic, trained to work on the F4B Phantom aircraft. He was responsible for ensuring the airworthiness of assigned aircraft and tasked with project managing any maintenance activities required to accomplish that mission. Lofthouse said the 1972-1973 Mediterranean Sea deployment to the USS Forrestal (CV-59) was the "tip of the spear" moment a serving with the VMFA-531 Grey Ghosts meant he helped provide a Marine and Naval show of force during the first major cruise after the ships massive fire in the Gulf of Tonkin sent this "First in Class" supercarrier back to dry dock for extensive repairs. This Med Cruise showcased Forrestal's performance of a major humanitarian feat by rescuing Olympic Airways jetliner passengers after its crash into the sea shortly after taking off from Athens, Greece.

Lofthouse said their entrance into the Bosphorus Straits marked a significant Cold War milestone as Forrestal, parked in the middle of the Bosphorus Straits, was a classic example of "Gunboat Diplomacy" showing Moscow that the U.S. still controlled the Mediterranean Sea.

Robert says "I felt like the COO of a multi-million-dollar asset in one of the most dangerous environments on the open sea. As the last man to see pilots before they launched and the first to see them after grabbing that arresting cable, Plane Captains truly were the last line of defense for the pilot's safety and their mission's success.

Robert Lofthouse is no ghost to his Henry Leavenworth Chapter Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) having earned the Bronze Distinguished Service Medal and the Bronze Roger

Sherman Medal, Silver Henry Knox and Silver 250th Anniversary medals in three short years of service. This is accompanied by membership as a George Washington Endowment Fund Fellow. These awards are based on service in the functions of committee work, board membership, and state and local officer.

This is all done during a 50 plus year career in operations of a national technology company, International Systems Vice President for First Interstate Bank, founder of two consulting companies and a Corporal in the United State Marine Corps.

I feel intimidated writing this Patriot of the Month article for a eight-time winning award and best-selling author. Robert is the Co-founder and CEO of Storytellers Publishing, LLC., a public speaker, writing coach and book reviewer. Robert has a strong faith in Jesus Christ and his Lord and Savior, is a true Marine who I proud to be an American, saying he didn't do much during his service and modest about all his other achievements.