

CDR Laurance V. Friese

Larry Friese grew up in South Dakota and while in High School got a Navy ROTC scholarship to go to college. In 1965 he finished his Oceanography BS at UW in Seattle, was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marines, and served as a Bombardier/Navigator in Marine A6 Intruders. Friese's plane was shot down on his 138th combat mission in Vietnam in February 1968. Captured and held in prison for more than five years, he was released on March 14, 1973.

After repatriation, Friese transferred from the Marines to the Navy, and married his wife Lillian, who is the widow of an Air Force F100 pilot Vietnam casualty. In 1974, Friese attended Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, California before serving tours on Guam, USS Midway, Japan, and at the Meteorology/Oceanography Center in Monterey. Friese retired from the military in 1985, and has since pattered with small business and real estate. He enjoys motorcycling, snow skiing, hiking, bicycling, river rafting, and water skiing.

