

# VETERANS DAY

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## VETERAN STAFF SPOTLIGHT

PRESIDENT  
BRIAN W. CAPUTO

"This picture was of me when I was in my last assignment before retirement, as the Commander of 1st Battalion, 334th Regiment in the United States Army Reserve."

Dr. Caputo is the President at COD. He served in the United States Army for 22 years before retiring. We thank you for your service to our country!



## VETERAN FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

JOSEPH P. NEATHAWK

"This picture is of me circa 2003 in Kuwait some days before entering Iraq as part of Task Force Tarawa."

Joseph is an Adjunct Faculty in the Computer Information Systems Department and a 2005 COD alum. He served four years on active duty with the United States Marine Corps. We thank you for your service to our country!



## VETERAN STAFF SPOTLIGHT

"This picture was from my second deployment. I was part of the Casualty Operations team, and we were given a tour of the helicopters."

Janine works in the Veterans Services Department at COD. She served 10 years on active duty in the United States Army. We thank you for your service to our country!





## VETERAN FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

"This photo is of my wife and me with our youngest daughter, Colleen, on her graduation day from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Colleen followed in the footsteps of her older siblings. They all graduated from service academies: Kate—U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Pat—U.S. Naval Academy, and Abby—U.S. Air Force Academy."

Charles is an Adjunct Faculty in the Liberal Arts Division at COD. He served 12 years on active duty and 14 years in the National Guard in the United States Army and retired in 2012. We thank you for your service to our country!



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ROBERT WISEMAN

"At the age of 19, I was ready to give everything, including my life, to defend the USA. My favorite memory was learning to play the guitar. I was allowed to stash it in a cargo container to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where I served six months building 48 bunkers."

Robert works in the Veterans Services Department at COD. He served four years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. We thank you for your service to our country!



## VETERAN FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

ROBERT OSWALD

Adjunct Faculty Codaa,  
Architecture

Robert is an Adjunct Faculty for the Architecture Department at COD. He served two years on active duty in the United States Air Force. We thank you for your service to our country!



JAMES ROTH (J.R.)

## VETERAN FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

"I loved serving as an aircrew rescue swimmer in the Coast Guard. I was stationed in Kodiak Alaska, America's last frontier! I probably got more excitement than I bargained for, but will always look back on the experience fondly. I especially remember all the brave men and women of the USCG, some of who lost their lives, bravely and selflessly protecting the many fishing communities of the Alaskan wilderness."

James is an Adjunct Faculty in the Culinary Arts Division at COD. He served four years in the United States Coast Guard, Air Rescue. We thank you for your service to our country!



## VETERAN STAFF SPOTLIGHT

RAUL VALLADARES

"This is a picture of me celebrating my 18th birthday at boot camp."

Raul is a Patrol Sergeant in the COD Police Department. He served eight years on active duty in the United States Army. We thank you for your service to our country!



## VETERAN FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

DAVID ELLIS

Marine  
Expeditionary Unit 26  
Deploying to Liberia, Africa,  
August 1990

David is an Assistant Professor in the Business & Applied Technology Welding Department at COD. He served on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. We thank you for your service to our country!



## VETERAN STAFF SPOTLIGHT

*"This picture is of my ship; USS Halsey CG 23. They used to say join the Navy – see the world and Navy. It's not just a job, it's an adventure; both slogans were true for me! I still chuckle of those memories of 'West Pac' ports of call. My first experience eating with chopsticks was in the Junk City in Hong Kong. Just being on the water brought me a peaceful feeling, but when we hit a Nor'easter off the coast of Korea we thought the ship was going to capsize! We saved a sailboat, stranded in the doldrums in between Guam and Hawaii. So many good memories."*

Cedric is an HEC/HTC Technology Specialist at COD. He served six years on active duty in the United States Navy. We thank you for your service to our country!