

## Robert Keister

Robert "Scott" Keister, a 1990 graduate of Warrior Run High School, was the Commanding Officer of the Marine Safety Unit Houma from June 2011 to June 2014 when he retired from the Coast Guard.

As Commander, Scott managed Port Fourchon, the busiest U.S. port for offshore the oil/gas industry. He was responsible for the safety and security of hundreds of oil and gas facilities and shipyards in Lafowiche and Terrebonne Parishes. In addition, he managed 2200 square miles of environmentally sensitive coastline and marshland.

Scott graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1994 with a BS in Marine Science and earned his MS in analytical chemistry from the University of Connecticut in 2001. While at the academy Keister was on the rifle team and was an NCAA All – American. Upon earning his MS, he returned to the academy to teach chemistry and coach the rifle and sailing teams.

Scott served the Coast Guard in numerous capacities including tours of duty in New Orleans and on board the USCGC Bittersweet as operations officer. Prior to becoming Commanding Officer at HOUMA, he served as the Chief of Inspections and Investigations Branch for the Eighth Coast Guard District where he oversaw all vessel and facility inspections and investigations throughout the district.

The son of Robert and Vicki Keister, Turbotville, Scott was an active student at Warrior Run. He was a member of the National Honor Society, the Varsity Club and the Jets. He also was the captain of the football team, lineman of the year, and ran track. As a top science student, he won the academic award for science, the Bausch and Lomb Award, and first place in the Northumberland County Envirothon.

Today he and his wife Angela live in Louisiana. He has three sons. Devin, who is a freshman in the Merchant Marine Academy; Aiden, who is 12; and Caleb, who is 11. He also has two stepchildren, Evan 10 and Madison 13. In addition, he is the uncle of Tyler Kling who is on the present Warrior Run football team.

In July Scott began a new career becoming President in vessel/regulatory compliance for Harvey Gulf International Marine. He is responsible for the regulatory compliance of a fleet of 60 plus offshore supply and support vessels which operate worldwide in support of oil and gas exploration.



## Barry Rake

Barry K. Rake is the son of the late Norman & Catharine Rake of Allenwood. Barry had two childhood dreams upon his graduation from Warrior Run High School with the class of 1960. The first dream was becoming a member of the United States Navy; therefore, one week after graduation he was in boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon graduating from boot camp he was assigned to a two star admiral command in Norfolk, Virginia, called Fleet Air Wing Five Command (a sea plane command). Barry was assigned to the personnel office during his tenure at this command and in early 1961 was promoted to Third Class Personnel man. In late 1961 he was transferred to the U.S. Naval Station in Rota, Spain, to fill a position in the personnel office. While in Rota, Spain, he received several commendations from his supervisors regarding his dedication to the U.S. Navy and his outstanding work in the personnel office; therefore, in 1963 he was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> class Personnel man, the highest grade to achieve in a four year enlistment. In November 1963 he was transferred to the USS Orion (AS-18) a submarine tender in Norfolk, Virginia, to supervise their personnel office and finish his four year enlistment. In the spring of 1964 his four year term was completed and he was discharged with an honorable discharge.



Upon his discharge from the U.S. Navy he accepted a position with Selected Risk Insurance Company in Williamsport as an underwriter; however, he still wanted to fulfill his second childhood dream of becoming a salesman. In 1966 he was accepted by the Baltimore Life Insurance Company as a life insurance agent in the Montgomery, Watsonstown, Turbotville and Allenwood area. He had an extraordinary thirty-two year career with Baltimore Life. During those years he achieved many accomplishments including: building one of the largest life insurance clientele within the company and being the only agent to qualify for 32 straight company conventions due to his excellent sales record and his dedication to outstanding service to his clients. Barry was agent of the year three different times for the entire company sales force and was always one of the company's leading insurance agents in sales during those thirty-two years. He qualified for the National Sales Achievement Award and National Quality Award during those thirty-two years. Barry was invited to the company's home office numerous times to present his experience and share his ideas on building an excellent sales career at the new agent's training seminars. In addition to his responsibility with Baltimore Life, he dedicated additional time to the insurance industry by being a member of the National Association of Life Underwriters and Pennsylvania Life Underwriters. A member of his local association, West Branch Life Underwriters, he served the board for over 40 years including being President for a two year term. He served the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Life Underwriters as well as the Pennsylvania Political Action Committee for a number of years. He was Chairman of the Pennsylvania Life Underwriters Political Action Committee from 1987-1989. Barry was Past Regional Vice President of Pennsylvania Life Underwriters and is a Pennsylvania Life Underwriter Keystone Member. He has been invited numerous times during his career to speak to other local association agent groups throughout Pennsylvania to share his expertise and experience in selling life insurance and building a good clientele. Barry was featured in national insurance magazines regarding his sales success. In 1990 he was the recipient of the association's prestigious President's Cup Award. In 1998 he was eligible for his pension with the Baltimore Life Insurance Company. He joined the Kent A. Bennett Association in Montoursville as an independent insurance agent to continue serving his clients. By 2013 he had completed his 47<sup>th</sup> year as a full time life insurance agent.

In 1952 at the age of 10 Barry's family was unexpectedly faced with numerous difficulties. His father was afflicted with polio, paralyzed from the waist down having to live the rest of his life in a wheelchair. Many community members came forward to assist the family. Barry was extremely touched by the giving and serving of so many individuals; therefore, he developed a very deep life-long passion for giving back to the community. Early in his adult life he began his quest to give back for all that had been given to his family" by being involved in the community. He was past chairman of the Montgomery Area Positive Action Committee, past chairman of the Montgomery Area Arthritis Foundation, former member and past President of the Montgomery Lions Club. In 1987 he acted as treasurer of the Montgomery Centennial Committee. He was a volunteer for Locoming County United Way for twenty-five year serving in variety of capacities as: County Division campaign chairman, member of the Funds Distribution committee, member of the Board of Directors and the President of the United Way in 2001-2004. Barry was Chairman of the Watson Township Concerned Citizens group in Western Locoming County from 1998-2000, elected in 2000 to the Watson Township Supervisors and Chairman of the Board during his term in office. In 2005 he became a member on the Board of Directors of the Children's Development Center in Williamsport, (an organization serving children from birth to age 21 with special needs) and in 2009 was elected President of the Board of Directors. One of Barry proudest volunteer efforts was being part of the committee from the Children's Development Center, and Hope Enterprises, Inc. (serving individuals with developmental disabilities), to help finalize a merger in 2012 between these two great organizations. After the merger he

became a member of the Board of Directors of Hope Enterprises Inc. and currently serves on the Educational & Community Awareness committee and the Legislative Committee. In 2013 he chaired the project of the committee by bringing a national speaker for an Autism Awareness Seminar at the Community Arts Center in Williamsport. Barry has also volunteered his time by being politically involved in National & State campaigns. He has chaired a U.S Senate campaign in Lycoming County and Co-Chaired numerous U.S. congressional campaigns. He has also volunteered his time on Pennsylvania State races in Lycoming County. Barry is a lifetime member of the West Branch Hall of Fame and a member of the Board of Directors. He is a member of the Williamsport Nittany Lion Booster Club and presently serves as President. A current member on the board of the Lycoming/Clinton County Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), Barry serves as the treasurer. He has been elected in 2014 for a position on the Pennsylvania State Board of Directors of National Alliance for the Mentally ILL (NAMI). Barry has served as the auctioneer for the Rick Foresman charity golf tournament held at the Wynding Brook Golf Club in July the past four years. Barry is also active in his local United Methodist Church, former chairman of the Finance Committee, former member of the Endowment Committee as well as the Administrative Board.

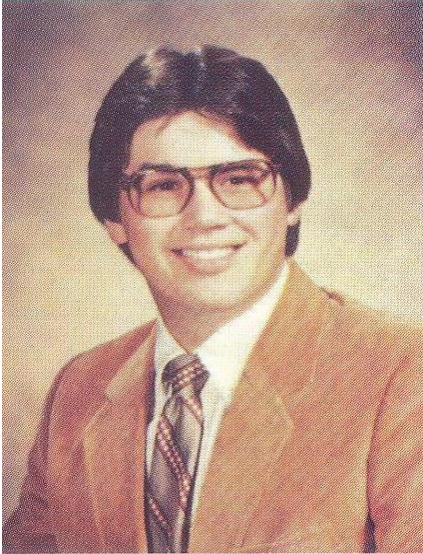


Barry has a great passion for the ball field. He has an extensive record of volunteering his time for the Little League Baseball/Softball programs in District 12 (Lycoming County). He has been on the Little League Baseball/Softball diamond as a volunteer every summer since 1962. Starting that year he coached Little League Baseball at the U.S. Naval Station in Rota, Spain. In 1963 his team came within one game of representing the European Region at the Little League World Series in Williamsport. Upon his discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1964 he continued coaching until 1972 when he started an umpiring career. Since 1972 he has umpired local Little League Baseball/Softball programs throughout Lycoming County. He also has umpired the Pennsylvania State Baseball tournament in Williamsport 1985; Big League Softball World Series 1990 in Mesa, Arizona; Big League Softball tournament in New England 1992; Little League Baseball Eastern Regional tournament in Bristol, Connecticut 1993; Senior Little League Softball World Series, Kalamazoo, Michigan 1997; Jr. Little League Pennsylvania State Baseball tournament Williamsport 1999, and Pennsylvania State Little League Baseball Tournament in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania 2006. Barry was District 12 Softball Umpires

Consultant. He currently is the Umpire-in- Chief for Little League Baseball in District 12, still actively umpiring baseball/ softball. Barry is a lifetime member of the Little League World Series Umpires Alumni Association and was President 2003-2006. He has been invited to conduct umpire clinics for Little League Baseball/Softball. Barry has also umpired for Division III College fast pitch softball, is a former PIAA Softball / Baseball umpire and Barry is a current member of the National Association of Sports Officials

Barry has received numerous awards for his volunteer efforts within the community: Recipient of the 1995 Lycoming County United Way Distinguished "Humanitarian Award", the highest honor for Distinguished Service to the people of Lycoming County; 2001 Watson Township "Past Chairman Award", and 2002 Watson Township "Special Volunteer Award", 2005; Lycoming County United Way "Special Volunteer Award" for years of service and commitment and dedication to Lycoming County United Way; 2005 Lycoming County "Brotherhood County USA" – "Ray Keys Sports Award" for outstanding leadership in promoting the cause of good will and understanding among all people in Lycoming County; 2005 West Branch Sports Hall of Fame "Volunteer of the Year Award" for his many years of being a volunteer umpire. The Loyalsock Little League in 2014 established the Barry Rake Umpire Appreciation Award. "This award was established in recognition of the support and commitment of long-time Pennsylvania District 12 volunteer umpire Barry Rake". This award will be presented each year to an umpire, either past or present, who has served as a role model to the children playing in Loyalsock Little League. Barry was the 2014 recipient. 2014

Barry and his wife, Brenda resides in Loyalsock Township and they have three children and three grandchildren.



## Robert Smith

Robert L. Smith is the son of Ruth Smith of Turbotville and the late George Smith. Bob was raised in Ottawa, PA, with his brother Dan and sister Audrey. He is a 1985 graduate of Warrior Run and was active in baseball, Spanish Club Concert Choir and Choirs.

After high school, Bob served in the United States Air Force from 1985 to 1989 as an Aircraft Armament System Specialist on the F – 16 Fighting Falcon. During his enlistment, he was selected for early promotion to Senior Airman and assigned to the squadron responsible for training and certifying weapons load crews. He advanced to the rank of Sergeant prior to his separation from service.

In 1990 Bob began his career with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections at SCI Dallas as a Corrections Officer. In 1993 he transferred to SCI Coal Township where he worked through the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Unit Manager. In 2007, he transferred to SCI Muncy as Major of the Guard. He was appointed to Deputy Superintendent in 2008 and Superintendent in January 2014.

Bob, wife Stephanie and son Zach live in the Watsonstown area. He is active in his church as a Teen Sunday School teacher and Assistant Youth Group Leader. His community involvement includes 6 years of coaching midget football and being Vice President of the Warrior Run Midget Football League since 2010. Bob has assisted in set construction for numerous middle school and high school musicals and keeps defensive statistics for the Varsity Football Team. Since 2005, Bob has been an adult leader with Pack 3622 and Troop 622 in Turbotville. He is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster responsible for training and coordinating older Boy Scouts to work with Cub Scouts. He was recognized as a mentor by two Boy Scouts that achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

The person who nominated Bob for the Hall of Fame said Bob knows what it takes to get to the level of Superintendent in the State Department of Corrections. He added “Just from working around him, I am able to say that he reflects the type of person that would represent WRHS proudly. He’s just another example of what WRHS produces in their community.”

