

# Class of 2016 Inductees

## Dr. George W. Anstadt, MD (1965)



Dr. George W. Anstadt is the son of Jane and the late Vern Anstadt. Jane is 97 and still very active. Growing up in Allenwood with his brother, David, an MD in Ohio and sister, Velma Lubliner, a fundraiser for Blaire Prep provided a great background for George. He graduated from Warrior Run with the Class of 1965 and was active in extracurricular activities as well as excelled in his academic endeavors. George was a member of the student council and the wrestling team. In addition, he won a prestigious National Merit Scholarship during his senior year. George was the valedictorian of the Class of 1965, was voted “most likely to succeed,” receiving numerous awards at graduation.

After high school, George matriculated at The Pennsylvania State University and Jefferson Medical College five-year pre-med/medical degree program, earning his BS/MD degree in 1970, five years after graduating from Warrior Run. He completed his rotating medical internship at Northwestern University’s Passavant Memorial Hospital in 1971 and embarked on a six-month course in diving, radiation, hyperbaric, and submarine medicine at the Submarine Medical Officers Training School, serving in the US Navy until 1973. George’s Occupational Medicine Residency Training was completed at the University of Cincinnati from 1974-1976. Moving to Rochester, NY, George began working for Eastman Kodak Company in a variety of rolls from staff physician in 1976 to Medical Director of the Apparatus Division from 1997-2000, a span of 25 years. After leaving Kodak, Dr. Anstadt has been the Medical Director of Lucid, Inc., Concentra OEM Clinic, and the Riverfront Medical PC, his current position. He holds seven US Patents for the following: Nanoparticles for printing images, Apparatus for using nanoparticles for printing images, Sensor-

Equipped and Algorithm-Controlled Direct Mechanical Ventricular Assist Device, Method and Apparatus for Direct Mechanical Ventricular Actuation with Favorable Conditioning and Minimal Heart Stress and a pending patent on Therapeutic Agent Delivery Apparatus with Direct Mechanical Ventricular Assist Capability.

In addition, Dr. Anstadt has published fourteen journal or chapter publications and has been or is currently on editorial boards of several publications. He has also delivered numerous presentations at scholarly meetings. He received an Executive “Mini-MBA” from the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University in 1988. George is on the advisory boards of several companies, including Serometrix which is focused on the prevention of Alzheimer’s disease in those with the Apo-E4 allele.

George has received the Meritorious Service Award from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine where he is a fellow and has served as president. He has served twice as chair of the American Medical Association’s Section Council on Preventive Medicine and has been a member of the AMA House of Delegates for 15 years. He is a Board Member of the American College of Preventive Medicine as well as a member of the Advisory Board of the Consumer Products Safety Commission. He is a 25 year member of the Ramazzini Society for leaders in Occupational Medicine.

In addition, for 25 years Dr. Anstadt has served in various capacities at the University of Rochester: as a volunteer curriculum instructor in the Medical School and as a member of the Residency Advisory Board, and as an instructor in Entrepreneurship at the School of Engineering and the Simon School of Business Administration. Volunteering in his community, he has been a Penfield Library Volunteer for 30 years as well as a 30 year member of the Torch International Rochester, serving as president twice.

George lives in Pittsford, NY with his wife, Nancy and their two children: Jonathan, a computer engineer with Paychecks, and Jennifer, a business graduate of the University of Rochester, who is working in Medical Grants Tracking for the university. George credits the excellent education that he received at Warrior Run from caring, committed teachers who encouraged him to excel and to successfully compete with “kids” from big city high schools or private schools!

## Brad V. Bennett, NCCS, USN Retired (1984)



Brad V. Bennett is the son of Kay and Bernie Gaschk of rural Muncy, PA and The Villages, FL, and grew up with his brother, Brian and sister, Brenda. He graduated from Warrior Run with the Class of 1984 and was active in extracurricular activities such as the Varsity Club, The Warrior year book staff, Track and Field, and represented Warrior Run in the PIAA cross country championships in 1984. After high school, Brad joined the United States Navy.

While on active duty, Brad obtained a BS degree in psychology from Excelsior College, a BS degree in Human Resource Management from Regents College, a MS degree in Social Policy from Empire State College and is a graduate of the Military Senior Enlisted Academy. He also holds advanced graduate certification in Veterans Services and Human Resource Management from Empire State College. Brad is a four tour decorated war veteran, participating in the Persian Gulf, Iran and Afghanistan wars. His tours of duty included Operation Ernest Will, Operation Prime Chance, Operation Nimble Archer, Operation Praying Mantis, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served onboard the USS Hector (AR-7), USS Ford (FFG-54), USS Anzio (CG-68), USS Bataan (LPD-5), USS Nassau (LPH-4), Helicopter Combat Squadron Six, Navy Recruiting Duty and the Patrol and Reconnaissance Force combating the war on terrorism. Brad has earned the following awards and decorations from the Navy: the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Achievement Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Medal, Humanitarian Service

Medal, Expert Rifleman Medal, Expert Pistol Shot Medal, and numerous other medals, citations and awards to include the United States Navy Sailor of the Year Award.

Brad retired from the Navy in 2004 after 21 years of honorable dedicated service as a Senior Chief Navy Counselor and Surface and Air Warfare Specialist. After receiving teaching certification in special education from the Virginia Department of Education, Brad began his second career as a Special Education Teacher, specializing in Autism Disorder, Asperger's Disorder and Emotionally Disturbed children for Hampton City Schools in Hampton, Virginia. In 2009, he relocated to upstate New York to work for the New York State Veterans Administration, Department of Labor as a Disabled Veterans Counselor specializing in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, traumatic brain injuries, military sexual trauma, missing limbs and other psychological and physical disabilities caused by military. He provides counseling to Disabled Veterans to assist them in reintegration and overcoming barriers to ultimately become more capable to live a more productive and self-sufficient lifestyle.

Brad resides in upstate New York with his wife, Stephanie and their two sons, Gavin and Garrett. He volunteers as a Sportsman Education Instructor, teaching youth about hunter and trapping safety, responsibility, and ethics. He also volunteers as an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Ombudsman Officer to provide education and federal law information to prohibit employers from discrimination against past and present members of the uniformed services. He provides mediation under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act to protect the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to perform service in the uniformed services.

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## Jon S. Laidacker (2000)



Jonathan S. Laidacker is the son of David and Susan Laidacker of Limestone Road, Danville, PA. Jon has a younger sister, Laura. Graduating with the class of 2000, he was the recipient of numerous scholastic art awards and awards for creative writing. Jon also took advanced placement art as a senior and earned three college credits for his effort. He loved weight lifting, however, his true love was spending whatever free time that he had in the art room refining his artistic skills.

After high school, Jon attended college at Mansfield University, majoring in art. By taking 18-21 credits each semester and going year-round, Jon graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in December, 2003. In 2005, he joined the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program and pursued a Master of Fine Arts degree at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, graduating in 2007.

Jon's own words best summarize his love of art and of his chosen career as a muralist in Philadelphia and throughout PA and other states:

"I am doing for a living what I would be trying to find the time to do otherwise. After 11 years of being a professional artist, I've had the privilege to lead over 30 large scale, community informed works of public art throughout Philadelphia, in PA and a handful of other states. As a lead muralist in Philadelphia, I

also have the two largest murals in the city. 'How Philly moves' is an 85,000 square foot painting that spans over half a mile on the side of the Philadelphia International Airport. 'Our City, Our Team,' is an 18,000 square foot painting directly across from Lincoln Financial Field, the home of the Philadelphia Eagles. Every project that I undertake has a community component, which is the cornerstone of what I do. Out of all the mural projects that I've undertaken in the last 11 years, I have had nearly 10,000 people involved in the conceptualization and production of the murals that I lead. This is something that gives the volunteers a sense of ownership over the piece of art."

Jon has also had his art work published in a number of national and international publications and featured in videos of the Philadelphia Mural Project. Warrior Run is extremely proud of the mural project which Jon headed for the school district and which beautifies the exterior of the middle school auditorium. Jon lives in South Philadelphia with his wife, Andra, who is a lawyer, and his three year old daughter, CeCe.

