



Lieutenant Commander Scott Lyon, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

Scott Robert Lyon was born in Rochester, N.Y., on March 14, 1935. Early on it became apparent to Scott that he was destined for a life of service in the military. After trying unsuccessfully to get in the Army at age 15, he eventually found a home with the Navy at 17.

His Navy career began in July 1953 in Norfolk, Va., and was celebrated by his retirement in February 1982 in Las Vegas, where he was assigned to a detachment out of Long Beach, Calif. Committed to the service he reached the rank of Chief Petty Officer, later promoted to Warrant Officer and retired as a lieutenant Commander.

Scott played football for two Navy teams, the Bainbridge, Md., Commodores and the Pensacola, Fla., Goshawks, before joining the Navy's elite Underwater Demolition Team. As a Sea Air Land leader, he was often called to serve on secret assignments for the CIA, with assignments ranging from chasing after Cuban revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara in the mid-1960s while thwarting the spread of communism in South America, to leading 109 combat missions in Vietnam and Southeast Asia in 1967 and 1968.