

Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale

PRESIDENT, 13 OCTOBER 1977 - 22 AUGUST 1979

Oil on Canvas

Margaret H. Sargent, 1979

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In 1965, James Bond Stockdale (1923 - 2003) commanded Carrier Air Wing 16 and was shot down and taken prisoner by the North Vietnamese. Upon his release from captivity nearly eight years later, Stockdale was promoted to rear admiral and was awarded the Medal of Honor for the valor and heroism of his leadership while the senior officer in prison camp. As the fortieth College president, Stockdale expanded the electives program to include courses on a wide variety of topics, some of which related indirectly or not at all to naval warfare and cognate themes, and he personally taught, with Professor Joseph Brennan, a course on military ethics that was inspired by his own experiences as a prisoner of war. After retirement, he was an independent candidate for Vice President of the United States in 1992 on the election ticket with H. Ross Perot. Together they gained 18.9 percent of the popular vote. USS *Stockdale* (DDG 106) is named in his honor.

Margaret Holland Sargent's portrait of Admiral Stockdale was the first of six that she painted of Naval War College presidents. Mrs. Sargent received her art training at the University of California at Los Angeles, then went on to study at the Art Students League of New York and to study with Herbert E. Abrams and John Howard Sanden. Married to a career military officer, she sought out and studied with the best art teacher at every duty station her husband was assigned. She has portrayed many women officers and has been commissioned to do portraits of Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Margaret Thatcher, and Bill Gates with his family.



Plaster Bust

Felix de Weldon, 1978

Gift of the Artist

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