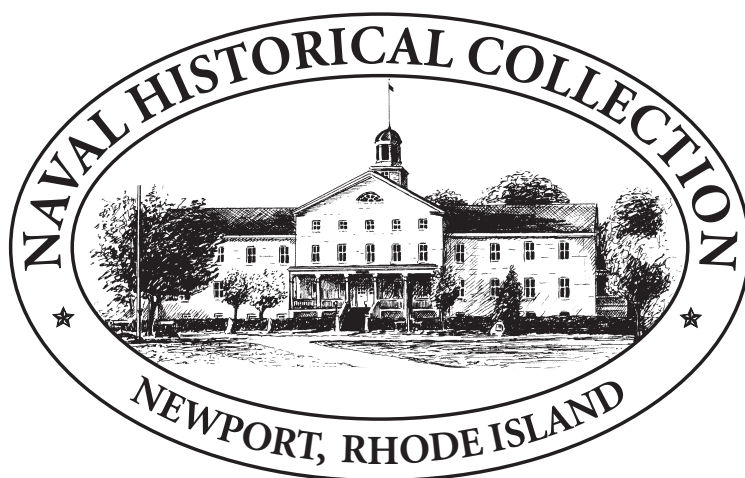


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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James Bond Stockdale was born on December 23, 1923 in Abingdon, IL. He attended Knox College and Monmouth College before entering the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1947. He graduated in 1946 in the accelerated course, due to the war, and was commissioned an ensign.

Following graduation, he served in USS *Carmick* (DMS-33) and in USS *Thompson* (DMS-38), then in USS *Charles H. Roan* (DD-853) and in USS PCS 1392. Stockdale underwent flight training at several air stations in Florida and received his wings in 1950. He went on to further training and joined Air Antisubmarine Squadron Twenty-Seven in 1951. In 1951, he had landing signal officer training in Pensacola, Florida, and after completing the course returned to his squadron.

In 1954, he underwent test pilot training at Patuxent River, MD and remained on staff as an instructor. He joined Fighter Squadron Two Hundred Eleven and in 1959 became executive officer of Fighter Squadron Twenty-Four. He was the first pilot to fly one thousand hours in an F-8 Crusader.

The years 1960 to 1962 found him at Stanford University, where he studied for a degree in International Relations. There he took a philosophy course with Professor Rhinelander that would have a profound impact on his life. After receiving his M.A., he joined Fighter Squadron Fifty-One in USS *Ticonderoga* (CVA-14), where he served as commanding officer.

In 1964, he joined the USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34) and Air Wing Twelve. The following year he took command of Carrier Air Wing Sixteen off the coast of Vietnam. On September 9, 1965, his plane was shot down over North Vietnam and he was taken prisoner. Incarcerated in Hoalo Prison, he endured seven and one-half years of captivity and was released on February 12, 1973. He was the highest-ranking military officer imprisoned. Stockdale relied on his military background and his study of philosophy to help him through these long and difficult years. He received the Navy's John Paul Jones Award for inspirational leadership.

In January 1974, he took command of Antisubmarine Warfare Wing, Pacific, followed by two years in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as director of strategy, plans, and policy. In 1977, as a vice admiral, he assumed the presidency of the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. There he taught a course in Foundations of Moral Obligation, with Professor Joseph G. Brennan, formerly chairman of the Philosophy Department at Barnard College. This was one of the most popular elective courses at the college and remained part of the electives program.

In September 1979, Stockdale retired from the U.S. Navy and became president of The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina. After a stormy period when his proposed reforms did not win the support of the Board of Trustees, he resigned in 1981 and accepted an appointment as Senior Research Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution. He remained there until he moved to Coronado, California. In 1992, he accepted the vice presidential slot as an independent candidate with Ross Perot as president. Perot garnered 19% of the vote, but he did not carry any state.

James and Sybil Stockdale co-authored *In Love and War: The Story of a Family's Ordeal and Sacrifice during the Vietnam Years*, published by the Naval Institute Press in 1990. He also wrote *Thoughts of a Philosophical Fighter Pilot*; *Military Ethics: Reflections on Principles—the Profession of Arms, Military Leadership, Ethical Practices, War and Morality, Educating the Citizen Soldier*; *A Vietnam Experience: Ten Years of Reflection*; and *The Ethics of Citizenship*.

VADM Stockdale died on July 5, 2005 at his home in Coronado, California. He left his wife, Sybil, and sons James, Sidney, Stanford, and Taylor and eight grandchildren.

His twenty-six medals include two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Distinguished Service Medals, two Purple Hearts, four Silver Stars, and the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award.

In 2008, the USS *Stockdale* (DDG-106) was christened in Bath, Maine, by Admiral Stockdale's widow, Sybil. The *Arleigh Burke*-class guided-missile destroyer was commissioned on April 18, 2009 at Port Hueneme. She is homeported in San Diego.

In 2007, the main gate at Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado was named after Stockdale, as was the headquarters building for the Pacific Fleet's Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape School at the air station. In 2008, a statue of Stockdale was placed in Luce Hall at the U.S. Naval Academy, where the Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership is located. The Loews Annapolis Hotel has a suite named in his honor as it was where Perot announced his candidacy for president.

CAREER OUTLINE

1923 Born, December 23

1946 Graduated, U.S. Naval Academy

1946 USS *Carmick* (DMS-33), Assistant Gunnery Officer; USS *Thompson* (DMS-38), Assistant Engineer

1947 USS *Charles H. Roan* (DD-853), Communications Officer

1948–1949 USS PCS 1392, Executive Officer

1949–1950 Designated Naval Aviator

1951 Air Antisubmarine Squadron Twenty-Seven

1951 NAAS, Corry Field, Pensacola, FL, Carrier Qualification Training

1954 Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD, Test Pilot Training

1954–1957 Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD, Instructor

1957–1958 Fighter Squadron Two Hundred Eleven, Maintenance and Operations Officer

1960–1962 Stanford University, M.A.

1962–1963 USS *Ticonderoga* (CVA-14), Fighter Squadron Fifty-One, Executive Officer and Commanding Officer

1964 USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34), Carrier Air Wing Twelve, Operations Officer

1965 USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34), Carrier Air Wing Sixteen, Commanding Officer

1965–1973 Prisoner of War, Hoalo Prison, North Vietnam

1974 Antisubmarine Warfare Wing, Pacific, Commanding Officer

1975–1977 Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Strategy, Plans and Policy Division, Director

1977–1979 Naval War College, Newport, RI, President

1979 September 1, Retired from the U.S. Navy

1979–1981 The Citadel, Charleston, SC, President

1981 Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, Senior Research Fellow

1992 Independent Candidate for Vice President of the United States

2005 July 5, Died, Coronado, CA

DESCRIPTION OF PAPERS

The bulk of the Stockdale Papers were deposited by the Naval War College President's Office in November 1996. They consisted of eight boxes of correspondence, speeches, writings, newspaper articles, reports, summaries, photographs and miscellany. Box nine, the subject file on the Stockdale funeral and services of commemoration, was added by CDR Porter Halyburton, USN (Ret.) in 2005.

Correspondence contains letters sent and received, 1977–1998. One of his major correspondents was Professor Joseph G. Brennan, with whom he taught the popular Electives Course Foundations of Moral Obligation. Other correspondents include Admirals Carlisle Trost, Thomas Hayward, James Holloway III, Julian J. LeBourgeois and Senators John Chafee, Sam Nunn, and John Tower.

Subject files have documents on the funeral and services of remembrance and commemoration for Stockdale in July 2005, as well as Naval War College educational policy, electives courses, and Naval War College Foundation meetings.

Speeches that Stockdale gave during his Naval War College presidency and both before and after, 1965–1993, his presidency are in the collection. He was in demand as a speaker and often spoke on values, his prisoner of war experiences, and leadership. Newspaper clippings accompany the speech files.

Miscellany includes the Naval War College Foundation meetings, 1978–1979, Senior Service Education Policy, and tape recordings of speeches given at Salve Regina College, Peoria, Illinois, NWC Ethics Seminar, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, and the NWC Convocation, 1978–1979.

Writings contain Stockdale's published articles and unpublished writings on moral leadership, his prisoner of war experiences, and the mind in captivity. There are several articles by other academics and writers in this series.

Reports have a report on the Foundations of Moral Obligation course to RADM Edward Welch, president of the Naval War College, 1980 by Professor Joseph G. Brennan.

Clippings have newspaper clippings regarding Stockdale's selection as vice president as an independent candidate in 1992, his resignation from the presidency of The Citadel in 1982, and a course he team-taught with Professor Philip Rhineland at Stanford University.

Programs honoring Stockdale in 1998 and 2005 are included here.

Two volumes of lectures for the course entitled Foundations of Moral Obligation team-taught by Stockdale and Brennan are part of the collection.

There is a summary of his captivity in a North Vietnamese prison from September 9, 1965 to February 12, 1973.

Photographs include portrait views of Stockdale, a snapshot of his family, and photographs of Stockdale and Professor Joseph G. Brennan.

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ARRANGEMENT OF PAPERS

Box	Folder	
1	1	Correspondence, Letters sent & received, A, including David Abshire, David Aaron, and MAJGEN James H.A. Ahmann
	2	Letters sent & received, B, including Colonel Arthur Blair, VADM Robert Baldwin and F.M. Ball, M.D.
	3	Letters sent & received, B, Bradford Becken, George Bentley, and RADM John Bergen
	4	Letters sent & received, B, William Bernrieder, Philip Bolger, and Ronald Black
	5	Letters sent & received, B, Kenneth Booth, RADM E.S. Briggs, and Robert A. Brand
	6	Letters sent & received, B, Governor Edmund G. Brown, CDR Thomas Buell, George Bush, and Richard Bures
	7	Letters sent & received, C, VADM James Calvert, Arthur Cannon, and Dr. Andrew Cecil
	8	Letters sent & received, C, RADM Malcolm Clark, W. Graham Claytor, and N. Heyward Clarkson
	9	Letters sent & received, C, Captain James Conway, ADM Ralph Cousins, and VADM William Crowe
10		Letters sent & received, D, Professor Vincent Davis, RADM T.F. Dedman, and General James Doolittle
	11	Letters sent & received, E, RADM Henry E. Eccles, Brigadier General Joseph Foss, and Daniel Flood
2	1	Correspondence, Letters sent & received, G, General von zur Gathen, General Samuel B. Griffith, and J. Palmer Gaillard
	2	Letters sent & received, H, Major General H.F. Harding, Anthony Harrigan, and Admiral Thomas Hayward
	3	Letters sent & received, H, Edward Hidalgo, ADM James Holloway, and Patrick Hughes
	4	Letters sent & received, I-J, Ambassador Peter Jay, Dr. Edward Jayne, and MajGen Herbert T. Johnson

- 5 Letters sent & received, K, Captain Howard Kay, Albert J. Kelley, and Admiral Isaac Kidd
- 6 Letters sent & received, K, VADM George E.R. Kinnear II, Henry Kissinger, and ADM Ronald Kurth
- 7 Letters sent & received, L, Dr. Benjamin Labaree, RADM William P. Lawrence, and VADM Julien J. LeBourgeois
- 8 Letters sent & received, M, LTGEN Robert Mathis, Robert McCabe, and Robert McKenna
- 9 Letters sent & received, M, Hayward McDonald, J. William Middendorf, and John Monsarrat
- 10 Letters sent & received, N–O, RADM James Nance, Senator Sam Nunn, and Paul Owen
- 11 Letters sent & received, P, Senator William Proxmire, RADM Frederick Palmer, and John Pelletier
- 12 Letters sent & received, R, Fred Rainbow, Senator Abraham Ribicoff, and Charles Ravenel
- 3 1 Letters sent & received, R, Mrs. Thomas Robbins, Dr. Robert H. Rutford
- 2 Letters sent & received, S, Charles T. Schumacher, Jeffrey Sacks
- 3 Letters sent & received, S, Dr. Ethan Sims, John Slocum
- 4 Letters sent & received, S, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Helmut Sonnenfeldt
- 5 Letters sent & received, T, Lt. Gen. K.L. Taliman, ADM Carlisle Trost
- 6 Letters sent & received, U–V, Michael Vlahos, Cyrus Vance
- 7 Letters sent & received, W, Paul Warnke, VADM James Watkins
- 8 Letters sent & received, W, George Weyerhauser, Captain E.C. Whelan
- 9 Letters sent & received, W, General Louis Wilson, Captain Walter Woodson
- 10 Letters sent & received, X–Z, Commodore R.D. Yanow, RADM Lando Zech
- 11 Letters sent & received, E.C. Brace and J.G. Brennan
- 12 Letters sent & received, Malcolm Forbes
- 13 Letters sent & received, General Andrew Goodpaster
- 4 1 Correspondence, Letters sent & received, Lyman Kirkpatrick, 1974–1975

- 2 Letters sent & received, Lyman Kirkpatrick, 1976–1979
- 3 Letters sent & received, VADM Julian J. LeBourgeois, 1975–1977
- 4 Letters and papers regarding retirement, 1979
- 5 Official NWC memoranda issued by President, NWC, 1977
- 6 Official NWC memoranda issued by President, NWC, 1978
- 7 Official NWC memoranda issued by President, NWC, 1978
- 8 Official NWC memoranda issued by President, NWC, 1979
- 9 Subject Files, Change of Command Ceremony, 1977
- 10 Naval War College Foundation Annual Meeting, 1978
- 11 Naval War College Foundation Annual Meeting, 1979
- 12 Naval War College Foundation Trustees Meeting, 1978
- 13 Naval War College Foundation Trustees Meeting, 1978
- 14 Naval War College Foundation Trustees Meeting, 1979
- 15 Naval War College Foundation Trustees Meeting, 1977–1979
- 5 1 Subject files, Electives Course, Foundations of Moral Obligation, Syllabus
- 2 Senior Service College Education Policy, 1977
- 3 Senior Service College Education Policy, 1977
- 4 Speeches, 1977–1978
- 5 Speeches, 1978–1979
- 6 Miscellany, Biographical information, Vita and Medal of Honor Citation (copy)
- 7 Journal and magazine articles written by or about ADM Stockdale
- 8 Magazine articles about ADM Stockdale
- 9 Newspaper articles, 1977–1978
- 10 Newspaper articles, 1979
- 11 Christmas Card, 1985

- 12 Audio Tapes of speeches given at Salve Regina University, NWC Convocation 1978, U.S. Military Academy, 1979, National War College, 1979, TV topic, and Peoria, IL, 1978
- 6 1 Correspondence, Letters sent and received between Professor Joseph G. Brennan and James B. Stockdale, 1975–1977
- 2 Letters sent, 1978
- 3 Letters of Joseph G. Brennan, 1978
- 4 Letters sent & received, 1979
- 5 Letters sent & received, 1980
- 6 Letters sent & received, 1981
- 7 Letters sent & received, 1982
- 8 Letters sent & received, 1983
- 9 Letters sent & clippings regarding *In Love and War*
- 10 Letters sent & received, 1985
- 11 Letters sent & received, 1986
- 12 Letters sent & received, 1987
- 13 Letters sent & received, 1988
- 14 Letters sent & received, 1989
- 15 Letters sent & received, 1990
- 16 Letters sent & received, 1991
- 17 Letters sent & received from Joseph G. Brennan, 1992
- 18 Letters received, 1998
- 1 Speeches, 1965
- 2 Speeches and articles, 1974–1979
- 3 Speech at Taft School Institute on Values, 1978
- 4 Speeches, 1978
- 5 Speeches, 1979
- 7 1 Speeches, 1980

- 2 Speeches, 1981
- 3 Speeches, 1982
- 4 Speeches, 1983
- 5 Speeches, 1985
- 6 Speeches, 1985
- 7 Speeches, 1987
- 8 Speeches, 1989
- 9 Speeches, 1990
- 10 Speeches, 1991
- 11 Speeches, 1992
- 12 Speeches, 1993
- 1 Writings, “How we Passed the Word,” 1979
- 2 Writings, 1980–1981
- 3 Writings, 1983–1989
- 4 Writings, “The Life of the Mind in Captivity,” 1988
- 5 Writings, “The Closing of the American Mind” by Sidney Hook, “The Stockdale Course” by Joseph G. Brennan, “The Special Joys of Super-Slow Reading” by Sidney Piddington, “A Humanist Ponders the Future of Liberal Education” by Charles T. Wood, “The Humanistic Hussle”
- 1 Reports, Report on Foundations of Moral Obligation to the President, NWC, 1980
- 1 Newspaper Clippings regarding Stockdale’s resignation from The Citadel, 1980–1981
- 2 Newspaper Clippings, *Newport, This Week*, 1982
- 3 Newspaper Clippings, *The Stanford Observer*, 1984, 1985–1986
- 4 Newspaper Clippings regarding his choice as Vice President by Ross Perot, 1992
- 1 Programs, Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame, Induction of James B. Stockdale, October 22, 2005
- 2 Stockdale Leadership and Ethics Symposium, University of San Diego, 1998

- 1 Miscellany, Schedules, and NWC Instruction, 1986
- 2 Miscellany, Course proposals for St. John's College, 1982 and Stanford University Sophomore Seminar, 1983
- 8 1 Lectures, Foundations of Moral Obligations
- 2 Lectures, Foundations of Moral Obligations
- 1 Summaries, Confinement Summary of James B. Stockdale, 1965–1973
- 9 1 Photographs, Stockdale portraits, and his family
- 2 Photographs of Stockdale and Joseph G. Brennan
- 1 Subject File, The Funeral of James B. Stockdale, 2005
- 2 DVD of still pictures of funeral, July 5, 2005
- 3 DVD of funeral service, July 5, 2005
- 4 Service at the U.S. Naval Academy, July 23, 2005; Service of Tribute aboard the USS *Ronald Reagan*, July 16, 2005
- 5 Press releases and newspaper clippings, 2005
- 6 Seating passes, 2005
- 7 Exhibit program entitled "The Heroic Journey of VADM and Mrs. James B. Stockdale, A Life of Love, Honor, Courage and Commitment," Museum of History and Art, Coronado Historical Association, April 8–July 10, 2005

Additional Research Sources

Record Group 28, NWC Presidents' Files, one folder on ADM Stockdale, including official navy biography, photographs, news clippings, and published articles by or about Stockdale.

Ms. Collection 134 Papers of Joseph G. Brennan, including Stockdale's speeches and correspondence.