

John J Mumaw, a long time resident of North Barrington, is a retired 38 year Navy veteran. A native of West Hazleton, Pennsylvania, he graduated from the Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1964 and completed the executive program in National and International Security Management at Harvard's John F Kennedy School of Government in 1992.

Mumaw was designated a Naval Aviator in 1965. He flew P-3 Orions in the Pacific which included Yankee Station and Market Time missions in support of the Vietnam War and flights off the coast of North Korea during the USS Pueblo crisis. As a Naval Reserve Commander, he commanded a 400 man/nine aircraft P-3 squadron at NAS Glenview. Following his promotion to Rear Admiral in 1988, he commanded a Maritime Defense Zone Sector in the Pacific where he had responsibility for port security and harbor defenses in Alaska and a Naval Reserve Readiness Command at Great Lakes where he was responsible for the training and administration of 21000 Naval Reservists at 22 Reserve Centers in six Midwestern states. He also served as the Director of the Naval Reserve Aviation Staff at the Pentagon, was Deputy Commander of Maritime Surveillance and Reconnaissance Forces in the US Sixth Fleet, and then he retired as the Deputy Commander, Fleet Air Forces Mediterranean in Naples, Italy in 1998 as a two star Admiral. During his last three years of service, he was designated the Navy's "Silver Falcon" (the longest serving Naval Reserve Aviator). Among his many awards are five Legion of Merits.

Simultaneously, he had a commercial aviation career for 32 years. As a management pilot for United Airlines, he trained pilots to fly the Boeing 757 and 767 at the UAL Training Center in Denver and then served as the Boeing 737 Flight Manager at OHare International Airport.

He and his wife, Lillian, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next year. They have two married adult daughters and five grandchildren.

He has served two terms as a Trustee at Cuba Township where he chaired both the Transportation and Insurance Committees. He is a past President of the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Naval Aviation, a former Naval Academy Liaison Officer for ten high schools in the northwest Chicago suburbs, and has chaired the Service Academy selection committees for Congressmen Joe Walsh, Phil Crane, and Henry Hyde. He has been a frequent speaker at military events in the Chicago area.