

LOCKE LORD DIVERSITY AWARENESS

May 2016: Memorial Day

Historically known as "Decoration Day," Memorial Day honors those who have served in the military. "Decoration Day" was originally established by General John A. Logan in order to commemorate Civil War soldiers. On May 30, 1868, 5,000 people gathered at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia in celebration of the first Decoration Day. Attendees that day adorned the graves of over 20,000 fallen Civil War soldiers. Following World War I, these celebrations were extended to commemorate soldiers who had served in all wars throughout our country's history. In 1968, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act passed, moving Memorial Day to the last Monday in May and establishing it as a federal holiday.

Locke Lord Veterans

This Memorial Day, we would like to recognize a few of our Firm's own veterans:



Andy Anderson (Boston) served in the U.S. Navy from 1965-1969, and was an officer on Atlantic Fleet destroyers nearly the entire time. His main ship, the USS Robert L. Wilson, was based in Norfolk, VA, but it spent much time at sea. During the Cold War, he had a post-overhaul visit to Guantanamo Bay and two extended attachments to the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. His ship also passed through the Suez Canal and showed the flag in Ethiopia, Yemen, India and Bangladesh. Andy concentrates his practice on transactions involving IP.



Chris Bakes (Sacramento) served in the U.S. Navy and was commissioned as an officer in December 1980, reporting for duty following law school and passing the bar in 1981. He attended Officer Indoctrination School and Naval Justice School and served as a trial attorney and defense counsel for service members. He later served as a Staff Judge Advocate in Italy on USS Orion, AS-18. Currently, Chris is a trial attorney, where his practice includes IP, real estate, business litigation and government contracts. He also serves as the Chair of the Firm's Sports, Arts and Entertainment Industry Group.



Pat Beaton (Houston) served in the U.S. Navy from 1989-1998 as a Naval Flight Officer, primarily flying in the S-3 Viking. He deployed as part of Carrier Air Wing 14 aboard the USS Carl Vinson to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf. He finished his time in the Navy as the Survival Division Officer at Naval Aviation Schools Command at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL. Currently, Pat practices in the areas of oil, gas, and energy law, with an emphasis on upstream and midstream oil and gas transactions.



Bill Bux (Houston) served as an engineering officer in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War from 1971-1974, attaining the rank of Captain. He was first assigned to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, and later was assigned to Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. Bill has been a partner with Locke Lord or its predecessors since 1994 and practices labor and employment law. He is a past Chair of the Firm's Labor & Employment Practice Group.



Greg Casamento (New York) served in the U.S. Navy as a Judge Advocate from 1996-2000 and was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal as a Defense Counsel, and later, a Navy Commendation Medal as a Trial Counsel (Prosecutor). He earned a Naval Command and Staff diploma from the Naval War College in 2000. Greg currently serves as Managing Partner of the New York office, and focuses on business, commercial, technology and intellectual property litigation and arbitration.



Prior to law school, **Kevin Kelly** (Chicago) served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1992-1996. Most of his naval service was onboard the cruiser USS Ticonderoga, CG-47, where he served as the communications officer and later as the ordnance officer. A highlight of his service was a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea in 1995. Presently, Kevin is a partner in the Firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group.



Ernesto Palomo (Chicago) served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1991-1995, where he achieved the rank of Sergeant and was the Machine Gun Section Leader in charge of tactical deployment of his platoon's six machine guns. Ernesto taught courses on Military Operations on Urban Terrain, Helicopter Rope Suspension Training, and Counter Terrorism. Ernesto is a Partner in the Firm's Business Litigation Practice Group and co-chairs the Firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee.



Todd Thorson (Dallas) served in the Marine Corps from 1992-1998 as a forward observer. His responsibilities included directing the fire of artillery units, observing shell bursts, and then adjusting fire on enemy targets. He was primarily stationed in the United States throughout his service. Todd was a Sergeant as well as an instructor in artillery, air, and navel gun fire tactics. His current practice focuses on capital markets, corporate law and securities law.

The heart of Locke Lord lies within our people and the many different experiences and perspectives we share. We recognize, embrace and celebrate our differences and believe we can only provide our clients with the best possible representation if we reflect the diversity of the clients and communities we serve.

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