



**CAPT Patrick D. Hall**

**CO**

**Commanding Officer  
USS SEATTLE AOE-3  
United States NAVY**



**STAND BY FOR A WORD FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER...**

*CAPTAIN Hall relates to his crew in a way that allows them to become the best they can be. During his military career he has excelled in every assignment and encourages the crew to follow his lead. "Never stop learning and strive to be the best in anything you do; look to become a leader. You will go far then." CAPT Hall advises.*

*He was born in Indiana and raised in Jacksonville, Puerto Rico and Texas. His appreciation of cultural differences and thirst for pursuing new adventures motivated CAPT Hall to join the Navy when the opportunity arose. His father was a former Naval Officer, so the military life was not an unfamiliar arena for CAPT Hall. He was attending the University of Texas when he decided to start his adventure. When asked to describe his fondest memory in the Navy, CAPT Hall said, "I like to live the moment and enjoy the time."*

*CAPT Hall was very excited when he was assigned to the USS SEATTLE. Being close friends with two former Commanding Officers of the ship, he was well aware of the command's proficient reputation. He considers it an honor to be the last CO. Although it is sad to close this legacy, CAPT Hall was impressed with the crew during the development. Hard working sailors and strong leadership are elements CAPT Hall values the most from our shipmates. His leadership and guidance role motivated our sailors to "make things happen." The closing lines for SEATTLE in the American history pages are written with our support to our nation's mission. CAPT Hall plans to keep serving in the Navy as long as it continues to whet his appetite for learning.*

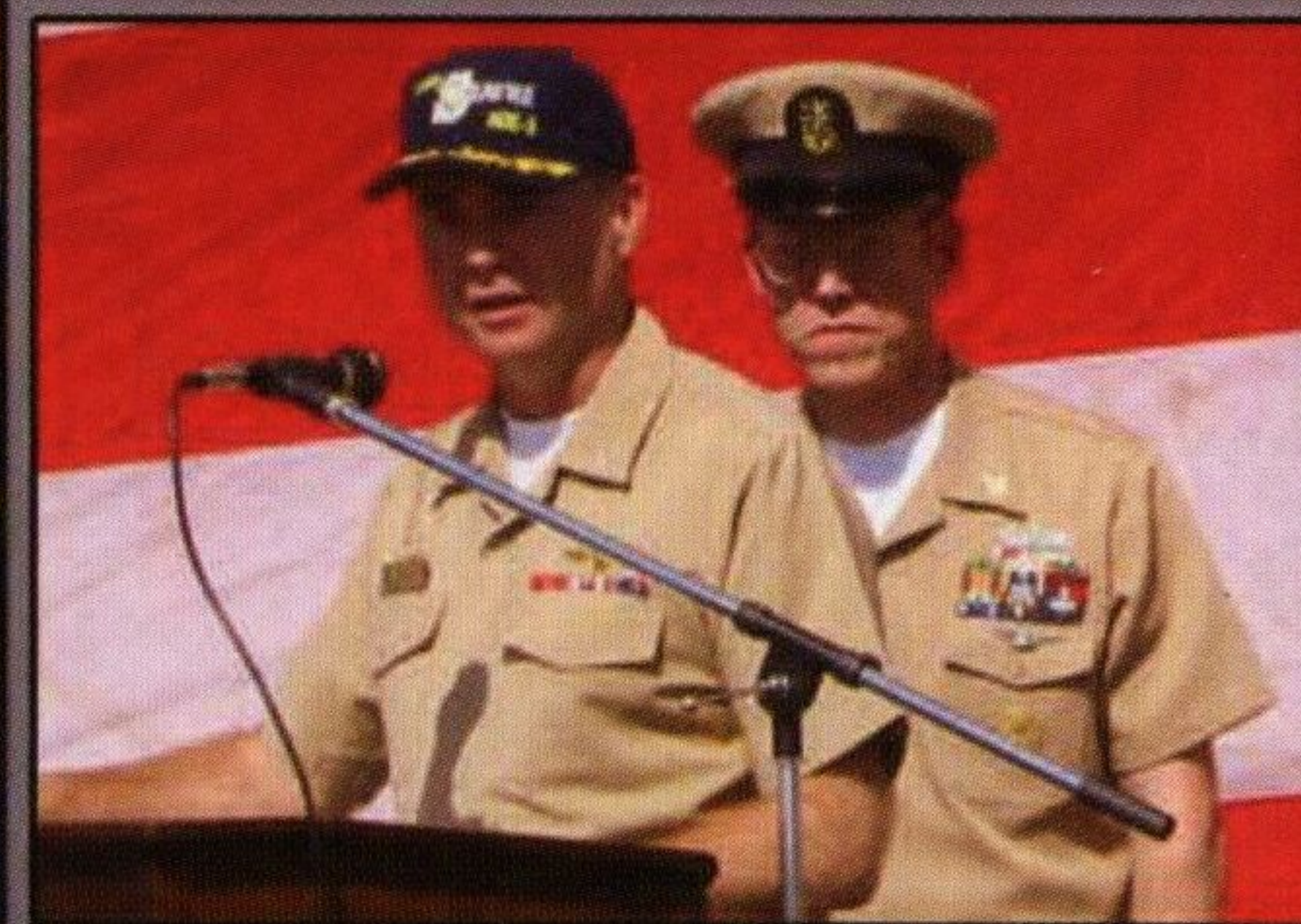
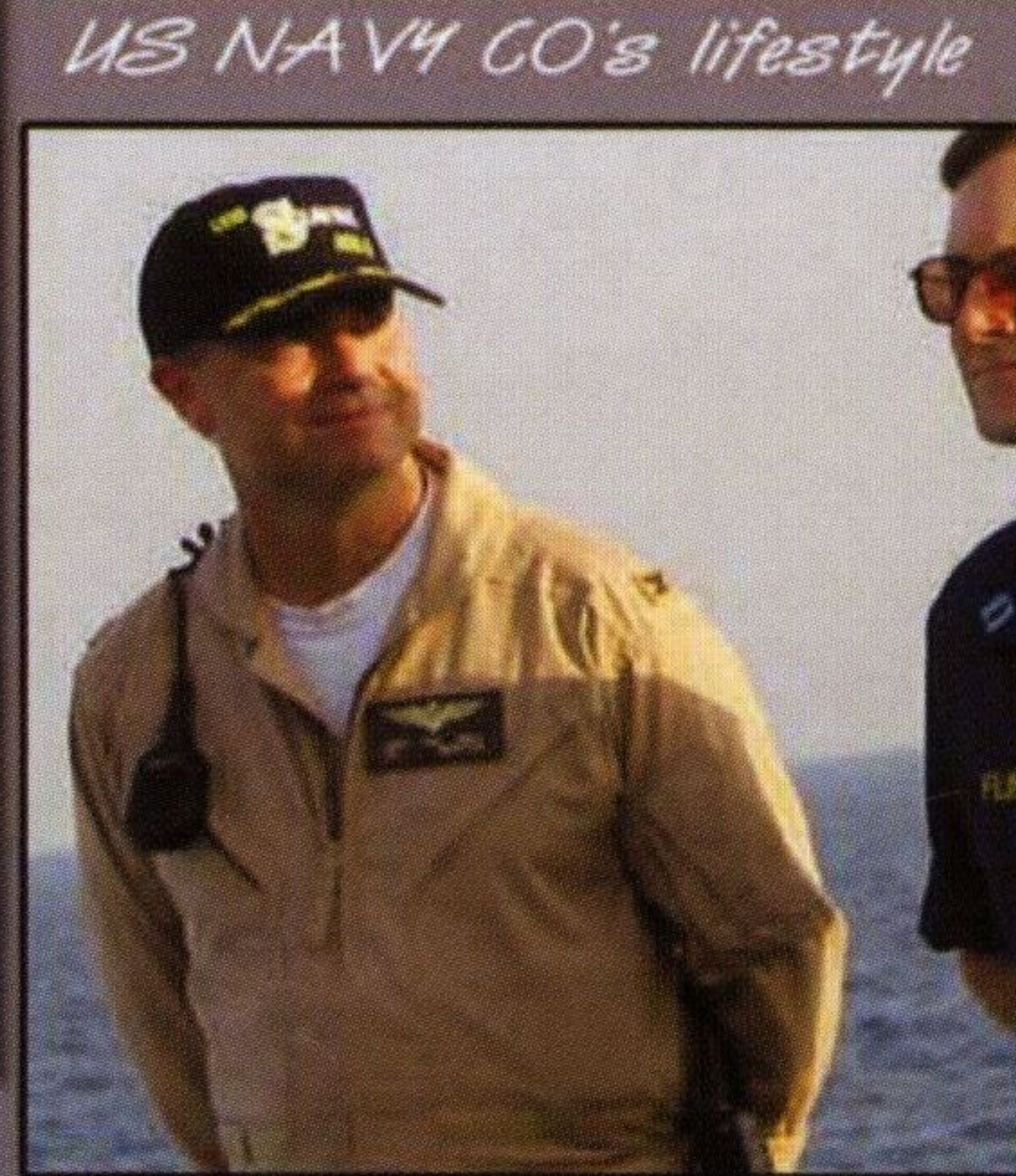
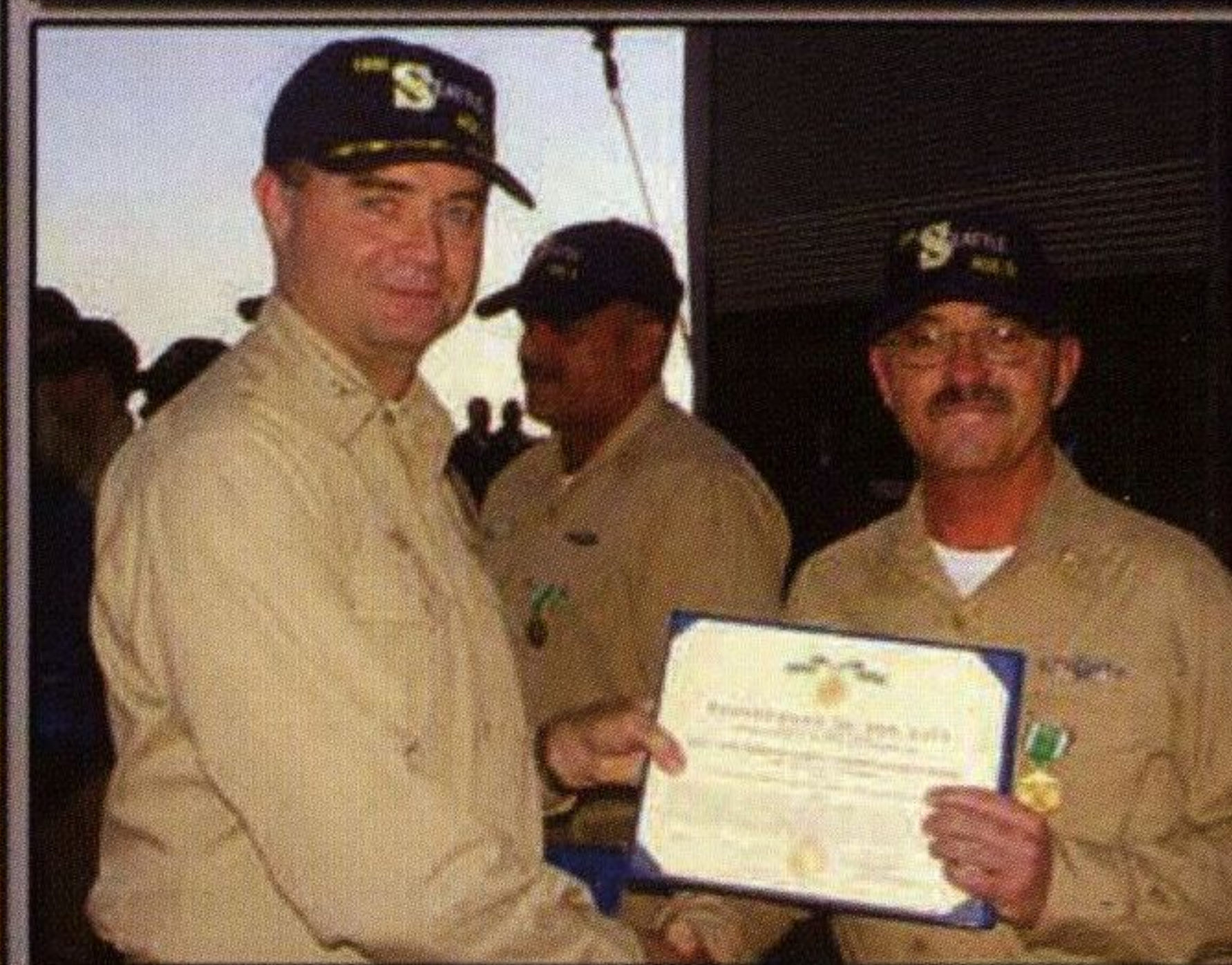
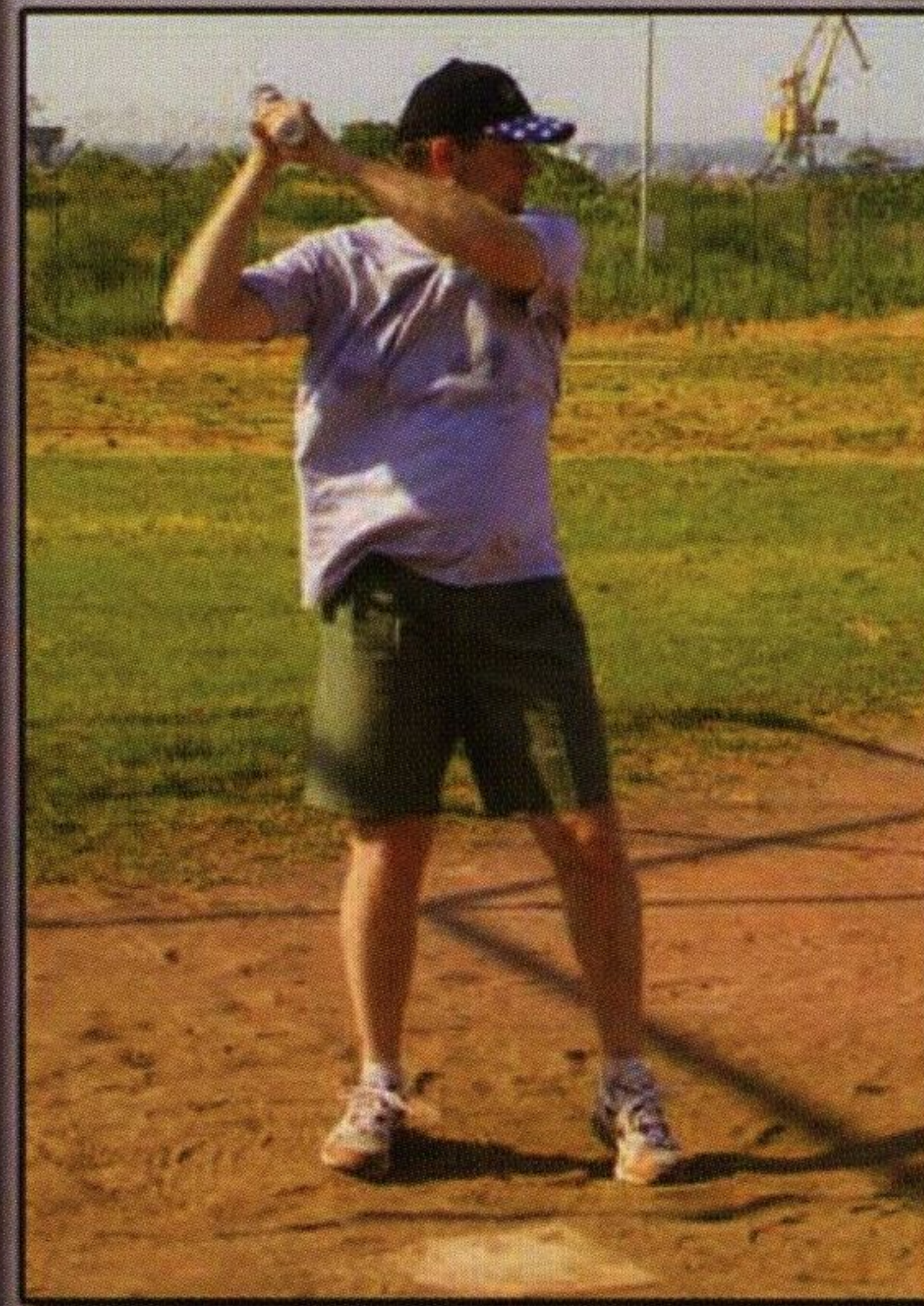
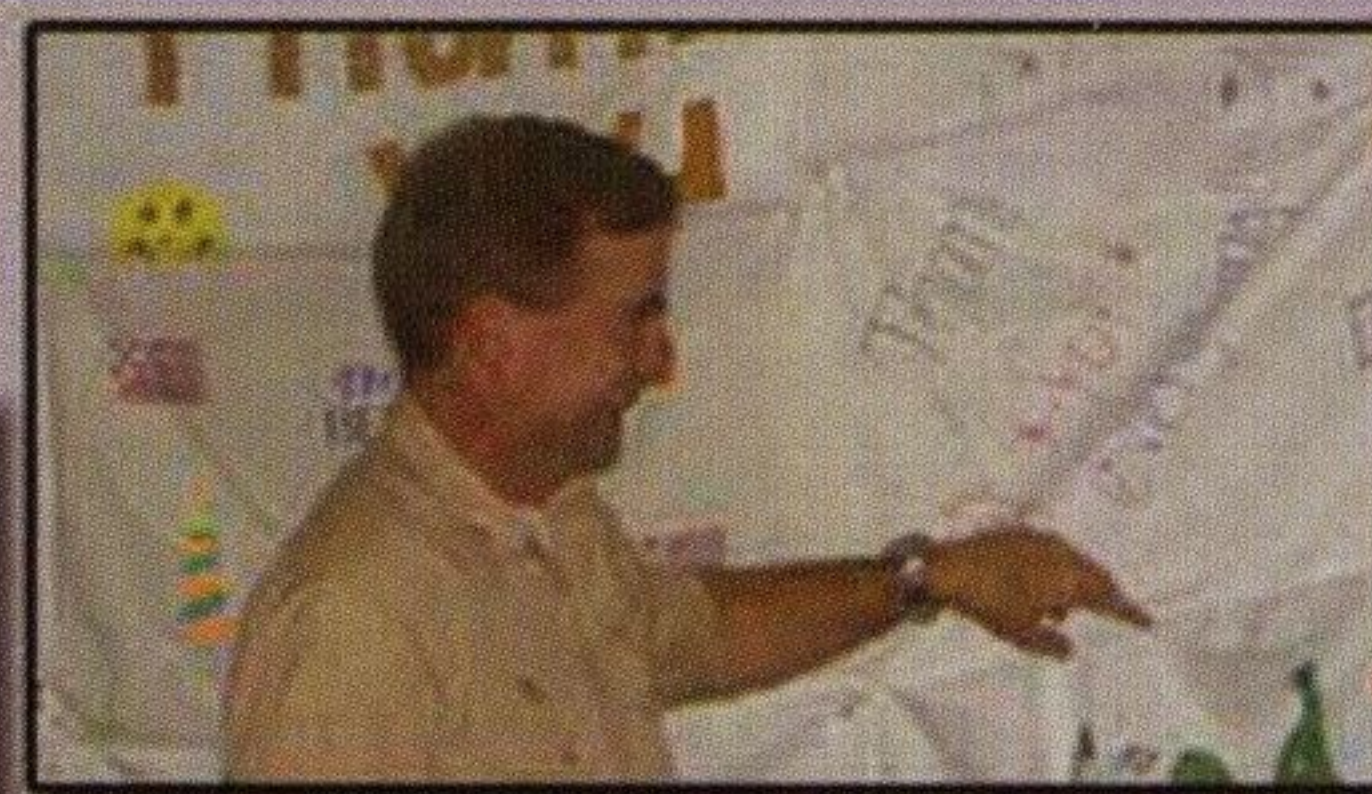
Captain Hall received his commission in 1982 from the NROTC unit at the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He was designated a Naval Aviator in December 1983. After flight training he was assigned to Fighter Squadron 74, where he completed two Mediterranean/Indian Ocean Deployments on board USS SARATOGA (CV 60).

In 1987, he reported to Fighter Squadron 43 as an Adversary Instructor Pilot and served as F-16/A-4 NATOPS Officer and Safety Officer. In 1991, he reported to Fighter Squadron 11 as Assistant Operations Officer and deployed on USS FORRESTAL (CV 59), flying over Iraq in support of Operation PROVIDE COMFORT. In 1992, he reported to Fighter Squadron 101 as an Instructor Pilot and served as the Fleet Replacement Aviation Maintenance Program (FRAMP) Officer.

In 1993, Captain Hall reported to Fighter Squadron 102, operating from USS AMERICA (CV 66) where he served as Administration Officer, Operations Officer and Maintenance Officer deploying in support of operations in Bosnia, Somalia and Iraq. During his tour, Fighter Squadron 102 earned the Battle "E", Safety "S", Grand Slam and the Clifton Award. In 1996, Captain Hall was awarded a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. After his transition to the F/A-18, he reported to Strike Fighter Squadron 87 as Executive Officer in December 1997, taking command of the squadron seven days before a combat deployment in March 1999. He completed a Mediterranean and Arabian Gulf deployment on board USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71), which included combat operations in support of Operations ALLIED FORCE and SOUTHERN WATCH.

Following his combat command tour, Captain Hall was selected for the Navy's Nuclear Power Program and upon completion of his training he reported to USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) as Executive Officer in August 2002. He took command of USS SEATTLE (AOE 3) in April 2004.

Captain Hall has logged more than 4,200 flight hours in the F/A-18, F-14, F-16 and A-4, 128 combat hours and 910 carrier arrested landings. Personal awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Air Medal (with Combat Distinguishing Device and six Strike Flight Awards), four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals (two with Combat Distinguishing Device), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and several unit, service and campaign awards.



*US NAVY CO's lifestyle*