

## **Bob Buchwald**

### **Class of 1962**



Like so many natural athletes, Bob excelled at several sports while at Mynderse. His primary sports were wrestling, football and track, but he also played on the golf and basketball teams. For four years he was right guard on the football team, captain his senior year, and named to the Wayne-Finger Lakes All Star Team both junior and senior years.

In track, Bob was a shot putter, ran sprints at 110, 220 yards, and the 440 Relay. His senior year that relay team set the Mynderse Academy record that still stands.

It was in wrestling that Bob developed his greatest talent. Wrestling was so new at Mynderse that practice was held at the Frank Knight School on canvas tumbling mats as the team did not have wrestling mats for practice. He was Section V Champion in both his junior and senior years, and in 1962 he was crowned the Wayne-Finger Lakes Conference Champion. In recognition of this record, in 2008, he was the first Mynderse athlete selected to the New York State Section V Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Other Mynderse honors include: Student Council for four years, Sophomore and Junior Class President, winner of a National Merit Scholarship, and a Regents Scholarship his senior year.

Bob went to Cornell University and continued garnering wrestling honors by winning the West Point Invitational Tournament his freshman year. In his senior year he won the championship at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) Tournament at the 191 pound class, and was named Cornell's Wrestling MVP.

Bob was also a ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate which earned him a regular Army Commission and the choice of his first duty assignment. He chose Germany. While stationed there he coached the Third Infantry Division Team which placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the All-Army Wrestling Tournament and sent two wrestlers to the Pan American Games.

His next assignment took him to Viet Nam where he again distinguished himself by winning three Bronze Stars and special recognition for combat valor. Subsequent tours took him to South Korea for four years. On one of those assignments he worked for the US Embassy as Liaison to the Korean Army for weapons procurement.

Later Bob earned a Masters Degree and taught micro and macroeconomics to the US and foreign officers at Fort Lee, Virginia. He was also an adjunct professor for Florida Institute of Technology in Econometrics.

For his final Army assignment, Bob's career turned full circle. He spent his last four years as Professor of Military Science at his Alma Mater, Cornell University.

Bob and Peg retired to a lovely home on the shores of Cayuga Lake where they stayed until upstate winters wore them out. They now live on the ocean in Jupiter, Florida.