



Sean Patrick Terry

March 11, 1970 - October 30, 2022

Sean Patrick Terry, 52, passed away on October 30, 2022 in Kansas City, Kansas.

Sean was born on March 11, 1970 in Oakland, California, and graduated from Ygnacio Valley High School in 1988.

He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1999 as an Electronics Warfare Technician and was stationed onboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73). Immediately after the September 11 terrorist attacks, Sean was deployed to New York City Harbor to provide air defense to the city. He completed two Mediterranean deployments.

After his naval enlistment ended, Sean joined the United States Coast Guard. He was stationed onboard the USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719) and USCGC WAESCHE (WMSL 751), both out of Alameda, California. He spent his shore duty in Juneau, Alaska and Portsmouth, Virginia. During his Coast Guard time, he coordinated search and rescue cases, boarded vessels to search for illegal fishing, illegal drugs, and volunteered his time in foreign ports to paint and fix up homes.

He ran a full marathon in Juneau, Alaska, and the Klondike 100 mile relay race from Skagway, Alaska to Whitehorse, Canada. He loved to brag about

his kids, ride his bike, and was a lifelong Raiders fan.

Sean was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Terry, in 2002. He leaves behind his daughter, Grace Terry, his son, Nicholas Terry, his mother and step-father, Debera and Fred Archibald, his sisters, Kelly Johnson, Courtney Archibald, his niece, Hailey Hughes, his nephew, Taylor Stroud, and his love, Jennifer Cowan.

Sean saved countless lives while he lived as a Guardsman. Even after his death, he saved 5 lives with organ donations and restored vision for two recipients. Please sign up to be an organ donor in honor of Sean's memory.

Tribute Wall



“ *One of those nights again dad. I miss you.* ”

Grace - December 03, 2025 at 07:43 PM

JC

“ I was stationed with Sean onboard the USS George Washington as well. I had the honor to serve with him during the 2002 deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Chris Bright was our Chief and his words accurately described Sean’s work ethic, demeanor, and abilities. He was a great guy to serve with and will be deeply missed by those who had the privilege to know him.

A little I wanted to share about Sean Terry: I was with Sean during Superbowl XXXVII as we were underway and they brought in bleachers and screens for us to watch the game below deck. Before kickoff everybody within earshot knew Sean kind of liked the Raiders, by halftime the whole hangar bay, people in the galley, and those who were trying to sleep knew. The Raiders didn’t win that day but it wasn’t from lack of effort on Sean’s end. He was always telling one of those previously mentioned “Sean stories” that would make you laugh until it hurt. Grace, I know you may not know me, but I remember when you were born. Sean would be in the module and share pictures of you crawling, sleeping, pacifier in mouth, etc. He was a very proud father when you were born and everybody he served with knew it, Chris can attest to this fact as well.

I came across some old Navy photos I wanted to share for memories of Sean. One picture I was able to find has Chief Bright, Sean, and myself together when we were in Lisbon Portugal. It was a great time and a well needed break from the deployment grind we faced every day.

Every once and awhile you come across someone who will never be forgotten. Sean Terry was one of those guys.

-Josh Classen



Josh Classen - August 24, 2025 at 04:14 PM

 Jenny Cowan

“ I miss you so much. I know you're somewhere beautiful... surfing, snowboarding, loving the people you love. I miss you here with me. Life is never going to be the same.. no frog creek.

Jenny Cowan - November 21, 2024 at 03:20 AM

CB

“ I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Sean when he was onboard USS George Washington (CVN 73). I was his Chief during our deployment in 2002 and after a short time onboard, I came to rely on Sean for quite a bit of the day to day operations of the EW Module. He had a few more years of experience in the Navy and life than his peers and could motivate the rest of the division to get any job accomplished.

The things I knew about him....he loved his family, Cal Bears, and Raiders. He tried to teach me that the best rivalry in sports is the Cal-Stanford football game. The worst call in NFL history is the "No Call" aka Tuck Rule in the Raiders Patriots AFC Championship game. He teased me mercilessly for being a Kentucky guy. After each UK loss in the NCAA Basketball Tournament, I could expect a text or one of his "one ring daggers" so I knew that he saw the game and outcome. When I didn't hear from him yesterday, I did a search and found out the horrible news.

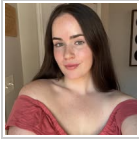
I could share numerous stories that would echo some of the sentiments below about how funny he was and how he made any conversation better. My far too late condolences and prayers go out to his family

Christopher Bright - March 20, 2023 at 05:10 PM

CH

Chris, thank you so much. My email is cma2r@yahoo.com
Christy

Christy - May 06, 2023 at 11:13 PM



“ *I love you Dad.*



Grace Terry - December 07, 2022 at 11:15 AM

ML

“ *Worked with Sean in Juneau. Funniest person I've ever met. Condolences to his family.*

Mark Leuchte - November 13, 2022 at 10:44 PM

SE

“ *I worked with Sean in Juneau and was always happy to see when we were scheduled to be on watch together. He made the hours fly by with funny Navy stories or stories about his kids, who were still little at that time. He would play reflex games to help us stay awake at 3am on slow watches and then could shift into gear when we got a call, able to ask the right questions and make the right decisions to get help to people when they needed it most. I'm grateful I had the chance to know Sean with his big personality and big heart and so sorry to hear he is gone too soon.*

Sarah (Morin) Ernst - November 11, 2022 at 11:29 AM

TO

“ Sean was my brother in law. Sean’s sense of humor and personality was second to none. If you didn’t almost pee yourself listening to one of Sean’s numerous funny stories, you missed out. Sean was liked by everyone he came in contact with and was always the life of the party. I can’t overstate enough how much he loved his family.

I remember how proud he was to be serving our country in the aftermath of 9/11 and to be serving in the United States Navy, following in his father’s footsteps. I am thankful for his service to our country and for the good memories he left us with.



Todd - November 09, 2022 at 11:18 PM

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“ I had the privilege of meeting Sean while he was serving in Alaska. I just remember him immediately interacting with me like we were old childhood friends. He would always have a funny story to tell and a quick response. He made the 12 hr shifts fly by. We were all better off having known him and getting the opportunity to have him in our lives.

Chris Cole - November 09, 2022 at 11:48 AM

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“ He was a special person with a genuine flair. He loved Jenny with an enviable intensity. He will be missed. Sending love.

Corinne Corley - November 08, 2022 at 11:02 PM

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Corinne Corley - November 08, 2022 at 10:59 PM

TB

“ I worked with Terry in Portsmouth and always enjoyed his company. He spoke about his family alot on the watchfloor and I know he missed them no matter how short of time he was away. He had a big heart. I am sorry for your loss.

Tom Barbay - November 07, 2022 at 06:23 PM



This means a lot Tom. I love hearing about the people in his life. I'm Sean's little sister.

Courtney Archibald - November 09, 2022 at 01:01 PM

KM

“ My best memories of Sean is when he played the Easter bunny. He had the complete costume and always played it up! Thank you for my grand children and thank you for the memories! May you RIP Sean!

Kathi McDonald - November 07, 2022 at 05:52 PM