

Capt. John Thompson, President



From a young age I have been interested in working with people who have specific needs. As a teenager & young adult I worked at a care facility in Oklahoma for the mentally challenged. After graduating from Colorado State University I went to work for the Colorado Outward Bound School. I spent 15 years with Outward Bound, working primarily in their alpine mountaineering program. Eventually I moved to the Caribbean & worked 8 years in the dive industry . While living in Puerto Rico I met my wife. We were transferred to Walter Reed

Army Medical Center in 2005. Having served 7 years in the Army National Guard & with a spouse on active duty I felt it was my time to pay it forward. I started volunteering with the American Red Cross at Walter Reed & this led to the development of SUDS.

Capt. Danny Facciola, Secretary



I began diving in 1993 while stationed in Yokosuka Japan serving on active duty in the US Navy. Being on a forward deployed ship, I had the opportunity to dive some of the best sites in the Pacific. Following my Honorable Discharge in 1997, I completed my certification as a PADI instructor and began looking for a position in the dive industry. I was hired as assistant manager and instructor at Olympus Dive Center in Morehead City, NC; one of the foremost dive and charter operators in the country. After two seasons, I returned to

Washington DC area, working in construction then to a career as a network engineer, diving on vacations a few times a year. After receiving my USCG captain's license in the fall of 2005, I decided it was time to get back to a career in diving and have been working as First Mate and Divemaster on the charter boat Olympus in Morehead City, NC for the past two seasons alongside John. After listening to the excitement in John's voice while describing his work with the soldiers at Walter Reed, I volunteered to help SUDS in any way I could.

Lonnie A. (Bud) Daniels, Treasurer



Born and raised in coastal Morehead City, North Carolina, I took up scuba diving as a teenager in the late 1950's. After college at the University of North Carolina and Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College), I received a commission in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS Boxer (LPH-4), USS Biddle (DLG-34) and as patrol officer and operations officer in River Section 514 (river patrol boats [PBRs]) in Vietnam between 1965 and 1970. After a five-year stint in the Navy, I spent 31 years in a variety of management positions with Sprint,

now Embargo, retiring in 2002 and returning to Morehead City and back to diving in the Graveyard of the Atlantic. While employed with Sprint, I also served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in a number of sea and shore billets and ending my Coast Guard Reserve career while on active duty serving on the Atlantic Area Staff with Port Security Operations, retiring as Commander in 2002. Having grown up and retiring in a community with close ties to the military, the Coast Guard and the nearby Marine Corps bases, I have a great deal of appreciation for what our Marines, soldiers, sailors, airmen and Coast Guardsmen do for us and our country and the sacrifices they and their families make. And having had the opportunity to associate and work with John Thompson and Danny Facciola, I share their vision and passion for helping rebuild the lives of some of our "Wounded Warriors" through the SUDS program.

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LTC Mark Berglund - Military Liaison

I have been diving for six years and am certified as an Instructor. Over the last six years I have logged more than 200 dives in locations ranging from local quarries to the Great Lakes and the Caribbean and would be happy diving anywhere there is water. During this time I have become passionate about underwater photography, coral reef conservation, and sharing my love of the ocean with others. The opportunity to participate with the SUDS program allows me to do what I love, while giving something back to the Heroes who have given so much to defend our country. My goal is to be able to provide an opportunity for the Wounded Warriors to



participate in a sport that can become a challenging life-long adventure.



Carla Chatterton

Carla Chatterton was raised in New Jersey and after graduating with her BA in Theatre and Art from University of Dayton, Ohio she spent several years in Michigan in the sales, marketing and customer service fields. In 1983 she moved to Dallas, Texas and worked for American Airlines and Sabre Technology Solutions. As a Sales and Account Executive she learned the airline operation business and the technology that supports the diverse industry. She traveled all around the world for both business and pleasure and in 1998 relocated to the

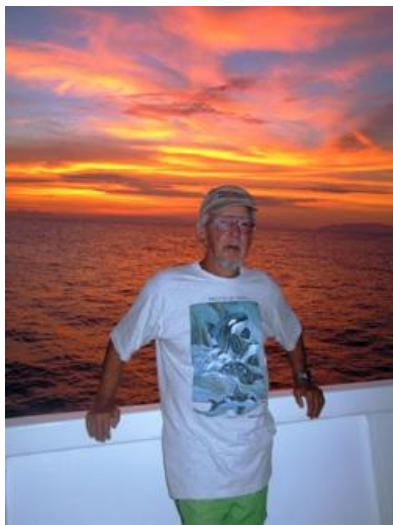
Washington DC area.

She met John Chatterton in 1999 and later that year traveled on the back of his motorcycle through India and the Kingdom of Bhutan. In 2002 they were married in Thailand on another motorcycle adventure. They moved to Maine where they spend free time at their waterfront home with their labs Chili and Kodi. In 2005 she left the airline industry to work with John in his various business ventures within the diving community.

Her passions include world travel, primitive art and ancient shipwreck artifacts. John and Carla both enjoy supporting local charities and giving back a bit of the good fortune that they share together. Supporting SUDS is a passion they both share and a way to help both the soldiers and the diving community.

Larry Hammonds –Training Director at WRAMC

I grew up in central New York near mountains, lakes and rivers so, from an early age, I was



interested in outdoor sports and activities. After serving several years in the Air Force, I received a Master of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Oswego and entered the field of education. I spent 30 years as a high school art educator, teaching drawing, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture. I did not begin diving until I was 50. My wife and I have been teaching scuba for the past 20 years at Adventure Scuba Company in Chantilly, Virginia. I am a PADI Master Instructor, NAUI Instructor, SDI Instructor and am currently assistant manager at the shop. I am also a Dan O2 Instructor and an Emergency First Aid Response Instructor.

Since retirement, Sandi and I have enjoyed traveling to a variety of exotic dive destinations. Highlights have included: gliding

through the water with the hammerheads of Cocos Island and the Galapagos Islands, feeding the black-tip sharks at Stuart Cove's in the Bahamas and watching the playful clownfish off Bali.

My experience with the men and women in the SUDS program has added another dimension to my teaching. Developing skillful divers who embrace safe diving practices is the core philosophy of my scuba diving instruction. My goal is to help new divers overcome any apprehensions they may have and to teach them the skills necessary to become safe and comfortable scuba divers. I attempt to share with my students the wonder of the underwater world that I love- whether it's the excitement of exploring a wreck or the peace and beauty of a coral reef.

Kevin Davenport – Training Director at Bethesda Naval Hospital

I grew up in the landlocked state of Kentucky but I was always in the water. I have been diving since 1990 and I became a PADI Instructor in 1995 and an SDI/TDI instructor in 1998. I love any kind of diving however, I am an avid technical diver; Nitrox, and full cave, and Trimix certified.

I joined the Army in 1984 and retired for the Kentucky National Guard in 2005. I became interested in SUDS after reading an article and visiting the Wounded Warrior Booth at DEMA in 2007.

Currently, I am an Army Civilian working at the Pentagon.

A.D took up SCUBA diving as a father son project in Hawaii in 1990 at the ripe age of forty and has been a PADI certified instructor since 1995. After retiring from the U.S Army I obtained a Master's Degree in Human Relations and taught JROTC for eight years in North Carolina, Germany and Maryland. This has afforded me then opportunity to dive in places such as Slovenia, Croatia, Egypt and Germany.



The opportunity to work with the SUDS program allows me to give back. I was blessed with a successful military career and walked away from it unscathed. I want to give back through the Wounded Warrior Program opportunities to Heroes who may think theirs' are limited and diving is an excellent venue. It has become my honor and pleasure to work with the quality of instructors and students who have been associated with this program. These people represent the true value and grit of America and I am glad they humbly let me partake



Titus Mott, a US Navy veteran and PADI Instructor, lives in Northern Virginia and works as a defense contractor with Science Applications International Corporation. As a long time surfer, Titus became interested in diving as a way to stay wet when the waves were flat and to have a water based activity both he and his wife could enjoy together. Diving quickly became more than a filler, and Titus found another passion in the water. His introduction to SUDS came from working as the trip coordinator for the program's initial visit to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he and his wife lived for a year and a half.

The opportunity and honor to share the excitement of diving and to give back to our nation's heroes, who have sacrificed so greatly for all Americans' freedoms, is what inspires him to volunteer with SUDS.



Jane Spencer, Instructor

I began diving in 1989 and have been hooked on the underwater world ever since then. As a PADI instructor for the past ten years I have certified nearly 600 students from the open water level through assistant instructor. When not working for the National Institutes of Health, I travel the world diving and visiting exotic locales. Locally, I get my dive fix by volunteering at the National Aquarium in Baltimore where I serve as a volunteer dive captain.

I am in awe of the world beneath the waves and even if I could not see, I would dive. The feeling of diving is, I believe, as close to the sensation of flying free like a bird on the wing as humans will ever get. That's why I think that diving is a natural activity for our wounded heroes. Their wings may be broken, but their spirits still soar. With a little adaptation and a bit of effort the SUDS participants can be free to explore the underwater realm with all of us. It is an honor to be able to introduce these men and women to scuba diving. I am inspired by their stories everyday



Nathan "Nate" Dean is an up and coming Technical Diver. With over 10 years of diving experience, and being instructed by some of the biggest names in the industry such as John Chatterton, Richie Kohler and Uwe Rath, Nathan holds certifications with PADI as well as SDI/TDI. Working on building an extensive list of credentials, Nathan has undertaken many projects in the diving industry.

Teaming up in 2008 with John Chatterton, one of the worlds most accomplished and well-known wreck divers, Nathan has worked with Pirates Cove Dive Center in Samana, Dominican Republic. He is also an intern with Underwater Archaeology & Exploration Corporation, conducting underwater surveys and diving shipwrecks.

In October 2008, Nathan joined the SUDS organization (Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba) to become their Administrative Director. This program is based out of Walter Reed Army

Medical Center and teaches scuba diving to soldier returning home from Iraq & Afghanistan. He works on fundraising and is the writer of the SUDS newsletter. Currently Nathan is writing articles for several dive industry publications.

When not diving, Nathan makes his home in Manchester New Hampshire with his wife Oillie and their two dogs.