

My Story – Bob Peters

Early Life

I was born on May 7th, 1930 – Robert Clair Peters – in Youngstown, Ohio to Robert Calvin and Mabel Dray Peters. We lived on a no-longer named street, called Alley Street at the time, just off Hillman Street and overlooking the large steel mill that would become a large part of my life. The family included William Raymond and Carol Ann, my brother and sister.

In 1936 there were a series of violent strike activities against my dad's employer – Youngstown Sheet & Tube Steel Mill. Dad was a highly skilled welder at the mill where he was often called upon to double-check the work of his fellow welders. During the strike access to our street was blocked for a time with barbed wire and National Guard troops. Only actual residents were allowed access to the area. I remember my dad telling me to call the members of the National Guard "strike breakers", since he would be subject to retaliation if he verbally berated them. I did what my dad asked, of course.

My family moved to nearby Struthers, Ohio, to the Buckeye Plat neighborhood in 1938. This was a Youngstown Sheet & Tube Steel Mill housing development mainly occupied by mill employees like dad.

Years later I learned more about Struthers. In the area known as Buckeye Plat numerous nationalities were represented: Irish, English, Welsh, Scots, German, Scandinavian, French and Jewish. Different areas were known as "Nebo" (Eastern European), "Dago Alley" (Italian), "North Side" (Black and Western European), etc. Around 1946 the steel company sold many of the houses to the renters, and my parents bought their house from the company.

During the period of active mafia influence Cleveland had the Irish Mafia, Pittsburgh had the Italian Mafia, and Youngstown had members of both. In 1982 my mother sent me four pages of the Youngstown Newspaper reporting on crime in the area. My Jewish boyhood friend was the financial manager of the Youngstown Mafia. Two brothers I knew but did not associate with had become "hit men" for the Pittsburgh Mafia. One was reputed to be buried in a concrete bridge support over the Mahoning River and the other was serving a long prison term. There was a lot of violent crime during this period in the area, well documented in various media.

In 1942 I started my working career, my first job was as a local newspaper delivery boy. That was followed in 1946, while still in high school, when I worked for Western Union delivering telegrams by bicycle throughout Youngstown, Ohio.

During my high school days I played football for two years, and academically achieved my one and only grade of “A” in typing. This was to become important in the future for me although I didn’t realize it at the time. I graduated from Struthers High School in 1948.

Shortly after graduation I did what most young men in my area did – I went to work as a laborer in the steel mill.

Military Service

In 1949 I was looking for more, but wasn’t yet certain what it was. This pointed me towards the military and I joined the United States Marine Corps. I chose a reserve enlistment which required one year of active duty followed by six years in the reserves which would allow me to return home.

Parris Island, North Carolina was the base where I went to basic training during which I qualified as a Rifle Expert – one of only two from my 60 man platoon. After my twelve weeks of Basic Training and a review of my school records (that “A” in typing) I received an additional four weeks of training at Parris Island to qualify as an administrative clerk. Following a four week school, still at Parris Island, I was assigned to Marine Barracks, Philadelphia Navy Yard. I reported there for duty and was assigned to Headquarters and Supply Company as a clerk.

While assigned to the Philadelphia Naval yard my unit participated in a Greek Independence Day Parade in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in March 1950. I proudly wore my Dress Blue uniform in the parade. Following the parade I made my way to one of the best hotels in Philadelphia to get a drink. The bar room was filled with many Greek individuals celebrating their national holiday. I was only 19 years old but hoped that my dress uniform would allow me to be served, so I went straight to the bar and ordered a whiskey sour. The bartender replied, “Coming right up – as soon as I see an I.D.” Oh hell, I thought, but before I could reply a voice behind me said, “Put it on my tab, bartender.” The gentleman introduced himself to me with a first name I did not understand other than it was Greek sounding, and his last name was Onasis. He invited me to join him in the dining room for lunch which I of course accepted.

During our conversation I asked him what he did for a living and he told me his family was in the shipping business but I did not recognize the name. Another man appeared in the doorway of the dining room. My host invited him over and he joined us. He was rather poorly dressed and my host introduced him to me as Jim Thorpe. Years later while watching television I excitedly pointed out to my wife that I had eaten lunch with Aristotle Onasis – subsequent husband of Jackie Kennedy – and the famous athlete Jim Thorpe.

On April 29th 1950 I was officially released from active duty and spent a week or two in Struthers, Ohio before getting a civilian job at a foundry in Cleveland, Ohio. During the next couple of months I didn't know many people in Cleveland so I went to the Cleveland Marine Corps Reserve unit. This was in the middle of June and I thought that the Marines at this unit would be the best way to meet some of the lovely young ladies of the area.

Since I was required to join a Marine Reserve unit, I met with a Battalion Sergeant Major at June 19th, 1950, in an attempt to become a member of his unit. He was very busy that day and said he did not have time to process me, and he sent me away. He told me to come back the following month. Neither he nor I realized that the Korean War was about to break out a week later. The Cleveland unit I had attempted to join was activated and sent to Korea where it sustained many casualties. It was my first close call with Korean War combat duty.

In July of 1950 I moved back home to Struthers at the request of my mother. I returned to work at Youngstown Sheet & Tube as a meter reader until I was recalled to active duty in the Marine Corps due to the Korean War. In October I was directed to report to the Marine Barracks at the Philadelphia Naval Yard for processing. While in line outside with hundreds of Marine and Navy personnel I met David Ohl from Youngstown, Ohio and we became good friends. When we got to the door of the building a uniformed sailor asked each individual if they were Navy or Marine. Navy individuals were directed to the right cubical to begin their physical and Marines were directed to a Marine Staff Sergeant standing by the rear exit door of the building. I objected as my orders said that I was to get a physical at the facility before proceeding and he replied that if you make it to the back door, you passed the physical and are back on active duty in the Marine Corps.

I volunteered to go to Korea, but was sent to a maintenance battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. I again volunteered for duty in Korea but the commanding officer of the processing unit refused my request. Instead he directed me to take a competitive exam for possible appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. I did not pass the exam and I was assigned to the 3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion at Camp Pendleton, California and was sent there, remaining at Camp Pendleton for the duration of my enlistment.

I was released from active duty on April 28th 1952 and returned to reserve status until my discharge in 1954 as a Sergeant.

College

My military career continued while enrolled in the University of Miami from 1952 to 1956. Unable to afford the tuition in the final two years I joined the Air Force Reserve Officers

Training Program (ROTC) for two years. When I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering I was also commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, an inactive reserve position that lasted from 1954-1958.

While enrolled in the University of Miami in the early fall of 1954 I met Patricia Logan, a small town girl from Dunellen, New Jersey. We were married on March 12, 1955 and produced our four children – Jeff, Cathleen, Robert Jr., and Dana.

Civilian Career

In 1956 I was hired by Pittsburg Plate Glass in the Industrial Engineering department at a plant that manufactured automotive windshields. After four years of staff duty I elected to move.

Corning Glass hired me as Supervisor of Maintenance at the Vycor Plant in Corning, New York in 1956. In 1962 we moved to Danville, Virginia where I held various positions with Corning including Department Head of Maintenance and in Production Planning and Accounting. I retired from Corning in 1987 after working in various jobs with the company.

Dog Interest

1965 was a pivotal year – we purchased our first dog, a six month old Irish Terrier puppy from John Best who was the Winners Bitch at the 1970 Northern California specialty. Little did I know that this would be the start of a lifetime of involvement with the dog world! We would have at least one – often more – Irish Terriers in our home for the next 53 years. The average life span of an Irish Terrier is 16 years. We joined the Irish Terrier Club of America (ITCA) in which I stayed active until 1992. My wife and I bred and exhibited Irish Terriers until 2004. Our last two champions died in 2016. It was also in 1965 that I joined the Danville Kennel Club, part of the North Carolina Federation of Dog Clubs. This was known as the “North Carolina Confederacy of Tailwaggers”, a group of 24 Kennel Clubs located in North Carolina – and one in Virginia. I was also a member of the Virginia State Federation of 40 Clubs, and served as President of both. I was President of the North Carolina organization in 1970, 72, 73, and 77 and President of Virginia organization from 1974-1987. During this period I coordinated the Tar Heel Dog Show circuit, putting on seven shows.

In 1968 we bought a 4 acre farm with an additional 10 acres across the road. where over the next 20 years we raised the four kids as well as 12 different horses/ponies, 4 milk goats, 15-20 chickens, over 20 Muscovy Ducks and many litters of Irish Terriers. Pat earned her nursing certificate (LPN), and in her spare time she was a Cub Scout Den Mother and a 4H Horse Club Leader.

Tailwaggers

We were holding a seminar at a hotel in Greensboro, NC and when I checked in at the desk I identified myself as the President of the North Carolina Confederacy of Tailwaggers. Two young men who had just come out of the bar overheard me and one said to the, "Let's follow him, he obviously knows where all the girls are." At the seminar I related this story and recommended a name change to the North Carolina Federation of Dog Clubs as I was not going to address the Senate Committee as President of the Tailwaggers. The name change to North Carolina Federation of Dog Clubs (NCFDC) was approved.

Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders (VFDC&B)

In 1970 I helped Dr. T. Allen Kirk form the 40 member Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders (VFDC&B). After serving as Treasurer for four years, I missed a meeting – and in my absence I was elected President. That was it, and I was re-elected 13 times, serving until 1987.

I served as the Treasurer for the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders which consisted of as many as 55 clubs, from 1970-1974.

Virginia Tech Veterinary School Drive

From 1974 to 1989 I served as President of the VFDC&B during which time we influenced passage of the first Virginia Animal Welfare Act, including a massive letter writing campaign

In 1977 I became Chairman of the newly formed Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council. The original planning study was done in 1974 and the school officially came into existence in 1978, accepting the first class in 1980.

Committee members were:

Robert C. Peters (Chairman)	President, Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders
Robert Q. Bigelow	Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Retired) – Airedale Breeder
Parke Brinkley	Former Virginia Secretary of Agriculture
Leslie D. Campbell, Jr.	Lawyer, 12 years in Virginia Senate
Robert B. Delano	President, Virginia Retail Merchant's Association and Past President American Farm Bureau Association
Sumpster T. Priddy, Jr.	President, Virginia Retail merchant's Association

J. Kenneth Robinson	Retired U.S. Congressman
James M. Shuler	Veterinarian
Edmund Sledzik	Regional Manager, Internal Revenue Service
W. A. Stuart, Jr.	Stuart Cattle Farm, Inc.
William C. Sampler	Retired U.S. Congressman
Jesse A. Webster	President, Virginia Veterinary Medical Association
Daniel Van Clief	Horseman, Breeder, and Chair of the College Capital Campaign

Others Who Attended Meetings:

Dr. Richard B. Talbot	Dean, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine
Alex Hamilton	Executive Secretary, Virginia Farm Bureau
Fred Fregin	Director, Marion DuPont Scott Equine Medical Center
Bill Truman	Virginia Senate, Minority Leader

Governor Agrees, Then Reverses – Then Reverses Again!

As Chairman of the committee, myself and three other members of the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders interviewed both candidates for Governor in September of 1977 several weeks before the election. Both candidates stated to us they would support the new school. In the Fall of 1978 a bill to establish the veterinary school at Virginia Tech finally reached the Governor's desk. The American Veterinary Medical Association was against adding another Veterinary College.

After the election I received a call from an Airedale breeder I knew who told me that he had dinner with newly elected Governor John Dalton and was told by him he would not sign the bill after all as he did not believe Virginia needed a Veterinary College. I called Dean Richard B. Talbot, the person selected as the founding Dean of the school, and he was surprised.

Several letters were exchanged between myself and the Governor, as well as his office. I then called the Governor's Senior Executive Assistant Larry Murphy, and he verified the decision. He invited me verbally and in writing to come to Richmond to discuss the reasoning and I asked if the Governor would meet with me. He said no, so I declined and told him I would not meet with the Governor's "Flack Catchers". I said we would take the issue to the voters instead.

My first step was to send a letter to the editors of all the newspapers in Virginia titled "Governor Reneging on Campaign Promise for a Veterinary College," which was published in numerous area newspapers pointing out the reversal of Governor Dalton's position on releasing the initial funding to establish the school. I also sent a letter to all 40 clubs in the VFDS&B organization which comprised over 2500 members urging them to contact their elected officials. My efforts were later investigated to see if any "lobby laws" were violated but of course they were not and the results of the investigation were unfounded.

The Governor eventually signed the bill in November 1978 and informed Dean Talbot that my efforts had no effect on his decision to sign the bill. Didn't matter, he signed it.

In 1975 I developed and marketed a Dog Show Calendar netting over \$150,000 which was donated to the proposed College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech in 1980.

More Legislative Wins

In 1976 the Humane Society had a bill passed by the North Carolina State House but was stuck in a committee. They requested help from our organization, The North Carolina Federation of Dog Clubs. Although I was President I was living in Virginia at the time so I asked Carl Ashby, a native of North Carolina, to speak for us. He did a great job in his presentation to the committee and the bill became law.

In 1979, I helped pass the Consumer Protection Act forcing pet shops to refund the purchase price in cash if a puppy is found to have illness or disease. A member VFDC&B club had their Virginia delegate introduce a bill that stated that if a pet shop sells a puppy that a veterinarian certifies was sick, the pet shop must give the buyer the option of a cash refund. The bill passed the Virginia House and was sent to a Senate Sub-Committee several days before the full Committee was to meet. The Sub-Committee asked each person in attendance to introduce themselves. In attendance were the President of the National Pet Shop Industry, two lawyers from a large Richmond law firm, and myself as President of the VFDC&B. The chairman of the Sub-Committee stated that he did not feel we will get an agreement and therefore adjourned the meeting to take the matter to the whole committee, chaired by Senator (and future Governor) Doug Wilder.

I contacted the VFDC&B Legislative Committee and had them contact all the clubs requesting that members contact the respective Senators on the committee. I returned to Richmond and met our VFDC&B members in the hearing room. The room was filled with people supporting various matters and I asked them to please stand in support of our bill when asked. I was the first person to be introduced by Senator Wilder, I spoke on the bill and asked anyone in the room who supported it to stand, and about 75% of the people in the room stood up, a great show of support! There were about 15 Senators on the

committee and the bill passed by one vote. The committee Chairman, Doug Wilder (future first Black Governor of Virginia) was against the bill. The final vote was in the full Senate where Senator Wilder had indicated he was going to refer it to debate, effectively killing the bill, but he did not. The final votes on the approval of the bill were 82-11 in the House and 36-3 in the senate. The bill passed, although still without Wilder's vote and the Governor signed it.

In 1974-76 I was the Coordinator of the seven club Tar Heel Dog Show circuit.

From 1980-1984 I served on the board of directors of the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine Foundation.

I was the owner/operator of the Bob Peters Dog Shows, 1989-2007.

School Board

In 1980 I was appointed to a district seat on the Pittsylvania, Virginia County School Board. The membership consisted of nine members – seven districts and two “At Large” members. After my second year on the Board I was asked to speak at the National School Board Association meeting in San Francisco in 1983 to talk about “How to Manage School Board Budgets.” In my third year one of my constituents, a local business owner, informed me that the School Superintendent, who had served for 15 years, had violated sealed bid procedures. He had prematurely opened the sealed bids for school district computers and had one resubmitted to ensure it would be, at \$43,000, the accepted lowest bid. I presented the information to the local County Attorney, the superintendent agreed to a plea deal, was fined, and allowed to retire.

The businessman involved, the Chairman of the School Board Election Committee (and owner/editor of the local weekly newspaper), and the School Superintendent were all good friends who played poker together on a regular basis. My actions bringing the unlawful bid activity to light were not appreciated by them.

I reluctantly agreed to seek re-appointment in 1984 to my district seat and was opposed by a lawyer, a “good old boy” in the district. I was not appointed by the board to the position. A county Commissioner from another district then nominated me for an “At Large” position without my knowledge or permission. The Chairman of the Board, Preston Moses, said I was not qualified for an At Large position because they were reserved for African Americans. I accepted the decision, congratulated the winner, and went home.

The next morning I received a call from a retired Virginia Supreme Court Justice who recommended filing a reverse discrimination lawsuit.

I filed a discrimination lawsuit against the County, asking for \$200,000 in damages. The case went to a jury trial which found the actions of the Board to be legal but I was awarded \$5,000 compensatory and \$5,000 punitive damages. A review of the case however did find the actions of the Board to be discriminatory (Robert C. PETERS, Plaintiff, v. Preston MOSES, et al, Defendants, 613 F. Supp. 1328 (W.D. Va. 1985) and ordered that all elected and appointed government positions in Virginia be made without regard to race. However the judge also found no intentional unlawful action by the Board so no damages could be awarded and the \$10,000 was not allowed. The Board did however have to pay my legal expenses.

Later Years and Acknowledgements

In 1987 I retired from both Corning and the VFDC&B, and my wife and I moved to Youngsville, North Carolina.

At the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in 1987 I was introduced as the most influential person with the Virginia General Assembly to release the funds necessary for the establishment of the school.

In 1988, at the Annual Awards Night for the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, I was presented with an “Award of Special Recognition” for my personal contributions in the formation of the school as well as the efforts of the organization I led.

I was appointed as the first Honorary Lifetime Member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in 1990.

In 1993 I was inducted into the John N. Dalton Society for Friends of the College of Veterinary Medicine, created to honor the late Governor of Virginia and those who have performed distinguished service for the College at Virginia Tech. Other inductees have included William Lavery and James McComas, both Past Presidents of Virginia Tech; Richard Talbot, first Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine; former State Senator William Truban; and Roie Godsie, Chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Veterinary College. As of 2004 a total of 34 individuals had been inducted into the society.

I was instrumental in forming the Dog Show Superintendents Association, in 2002. Chosen as the first President – and re-elected for two additional one year terms – I led the association which continues to bring together superintendents licensed to manage American Kennel Club Shows.

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OBJECTIVE

To utilize my Financial, Managerial, and Engineering experience as a Manager in Business, Government, or University Administration, or as a Consultant or Lobbyist.

FUNCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

FINANCIAL CONTROL - Currently Managing Corning Glass Works' most complex Branch Plant Financial System (exceeds \$20,000,000). A system that allocates costs from 90 cost centers to 40 business segments. Responsible for payroll, billing, general ledger, fixed assets, accounts payable, and precious metals. Develop standard costs for 2500 products and monitor their profitability.

PLANNING - Responsible for meeting \$25,000,000 in customer orders, scheduling production, controlling inventory, and supervising the purchasing and shipping functions in a plant with over 500 employees.

MAINTENANCE - Responsible for total Plant Maintenance, including Precious Metals, Electrical and Mechanical Trades with a budget exceeding \$500,000 and 70 personnel.

LEADERSHIP - an organizational and civic leader whose planning and direction led to successful legislative results with both the Virginia and North Carolina General Assemblies.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FINANCIAL - Implemented at the Branch Plant, Corning's "Financial Analysis and Tracking System" designed for business analysis

- Produce a Profit Analysis every four weeks for 40 business segments on sales of \$3,000,000.
- Produce a Total Year Financial Forecast quarterly, for the 40 business segments on sales exceeding \$35,000,000.
- Annual Budget detailed with the \$20,000,000 costs allocated to the 90 cost centers for each of the 40 business segments
- Standard costs established for 2500 items manufactured.

PAYROLL SYSTEM - automated the entire payroll system, from clock in/out through the submission of data to the corporate files with the use of bar code readers and an IBM personal computer. The system for the weekly \$150,000 payroll has adequate checks and verifications.

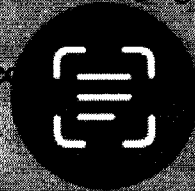
NEW PLANT STARTUP - as Mechanical Trades Supervisor, defined positions for and hired 30 Trades and Maintenance Personnel. Set up an organization of general maintenance personnel, rather than the usual "special skill" organization with welders, pipefitters, etc. Established training programs, equipment repair procedure and a preventive maintenance program. Also designed a Work Order Tracking System that was proven successful and adopted by other corporate plants.

INVENTORY CONTROL - computerized an inventory control and accounting system for over \$15,000,000 in precious metals. System adopted by other Corporate Plants as the system gives excellent control and accountability.

LOBBYING - Organized and directed six successful "Grass Roots" political campaigns to influence action by the Governor, the Virginia General Assembly, and/or the North Carolina General Assembly.

Recognized **FINANCIAL EXPERT**. Presented a paper at a National School Board Convention on "Managing School System Finances Astutely".

CREATED and MARKETING a "Dog Show Calendar" generating annual income of \$28,000. Projected the \$100,000 goal to fund projects for the Veterinary College at Virginia Tech.



Robert C. Peters

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CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Director, **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** of Pennsylvania County 1986 to Date

Chairman, Officers Committee for the College of Veterinary Medicine, **VIRGINIA TECH** 1984 to Date

Board of Directors, **NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**,
College of Veterinary Medicine Foundation 1980 - 1984

SCHOOL BOARD, Pennsylvania County 1980 - 1984

Executive Board, Citizens Committee to Establish a College of Veterinary Medicine
at **VIRGINIA TECH** 1978 - 1980

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE and Consumer Services,
Served on Animal Welfare Advisory Committee 1980

Pennsylvania County **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, Coming Danville Plant representative 1983 to Date

President, Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs & Breeders 1974 to Date (3000 Members)

President, North Carolina Confederacy of Dog Clubs 1970, 1974 - 1978 (1000 Members)

President, Irish Terrier Club of America 1984 to Date (International Membership)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Industrial Engineering - University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

PERSONAL

Married
4 Children
Homeowner

Veteran:
USMC (Sgt.)
USAF (2dLt)

A.K.C. Dog Show Judge
Breeder - Irish Terriers

The John Dalton Society of Friends of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine

Mr. Robert C. Peters

Whereas, Robert C. Peters has distinguished himself as a businessman, a community servant, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, a dog fancier and a supporter of the profession of veterinary medicine; and,

Whereas, Robert C. Peters compiled a 31 year career in industry, including 27 years of service with Corning Glass of Danville, Virginia, where he served as Department Head of Maintenance; Production Planning, and as Plant Controller, a company from which he retired in 1987; and

Whereas, throughout that time he served his community and the region as a member of the Pittsylvania County School Board, a Director on the Pittsylvania County Industrial Development Authority, Corning's representative to the Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine Foundation; and,

Whereas, Robert C. Peters has achieved significant renown, made manifold contributions to the industry of dog showing, breeding, and show competition, and contributed to the welfare of animals through influencing the passage of legislative policies intended to protect the welfare of animals; and,

Whereas, Robert C. Peters has served as President of the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders, President of the Irish Terrier Club of America, President of the North Carolina Confederacy of Dog Clubs, an AKC Licensed Judge, and now serves as a Dog Show Superintendent; and,

Whereas, Robert C. Peters served as a distinguished member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine from 1978-89, and as Chairman of that body from 1984-89; and,

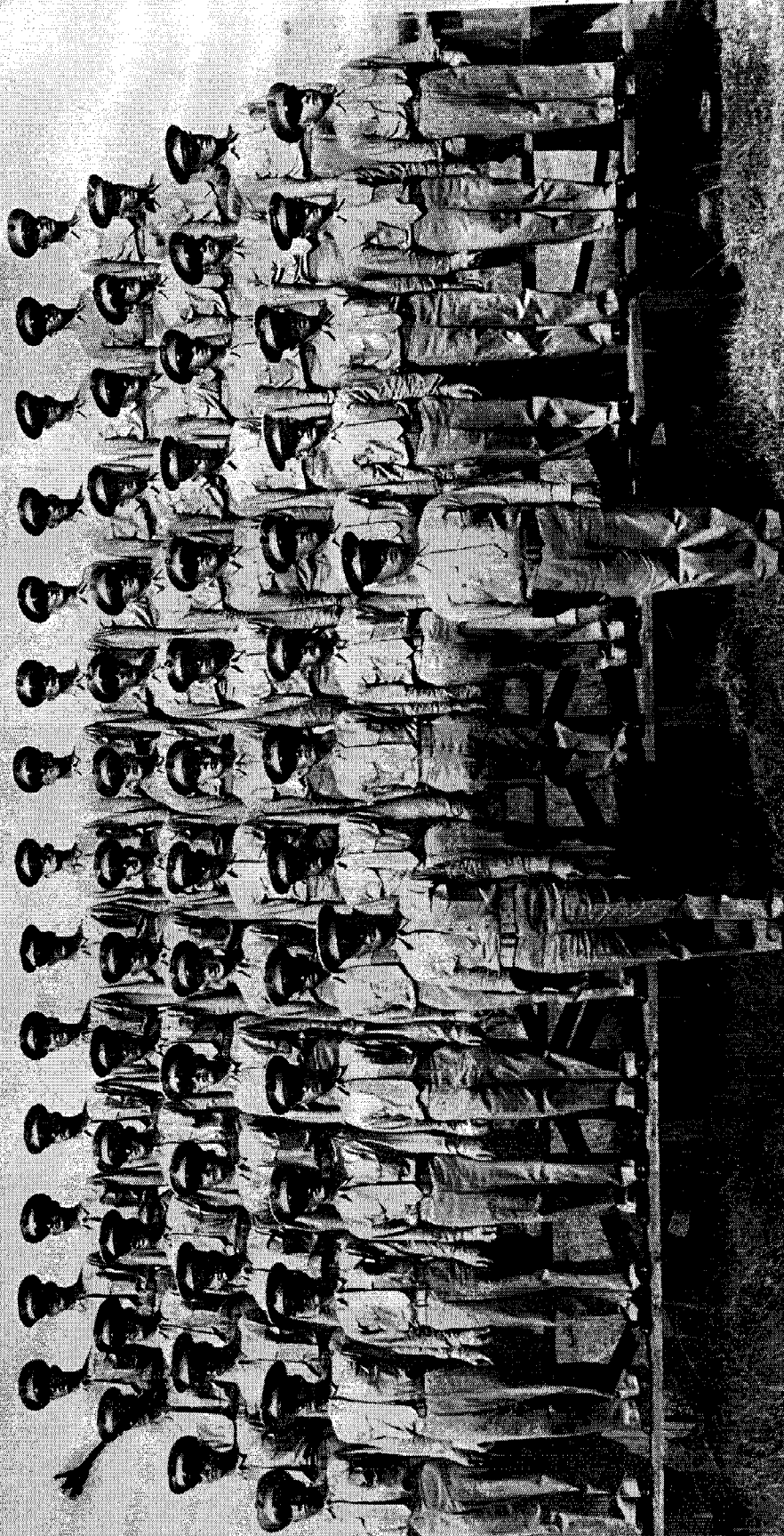
Whereas, during that tenure Robert C. Peters made substantial contributions to the development of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine through political action, leadership, wisdom, and dedication; then,

Be it hereby resolved, that on the 13th day of May, 1994, the College Council does hereby proclaim that Robert C. Peters be recognized as a member of the John N. Dalton Society of Friends of the Virginia-Maryland regional College of Veterinary Medicine, a society which exists to recognize those individuals who have performed most distinguished service to the College.



Members to date inducted into the John N. Dalton Society of Friends of the
Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine are:

1992	Dr. William Lavery, Past President Virginia Tech
1993	Dr. James McComas, Past President Virginia Tech
	Dr. Richard Talbot, Past Dean, V-M College of Veterinary Medicine
1994	Dr. William Truban, Former Senator, Virginia State Senate
	Roie Godsy, Chairman, Citizens Committee for a Veterinary College
	Robert C. Peters, Chairman, Citizens Advisory Committee, VMCVM



PLATOON 31

M.C.R.D., PARRIS ISLAND, S.C.

CPL. C.H. ROBE

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FIRST RECRUIT BATTALION

SGT. R.H. DOWHEN

JULY 29TH 1949

"HONOR — PLATOON"

July 13, 1956 Brig Gen Jack R Beam - Lt Peters

July 13, 1956. Robert Peters receives commission as 2nd Lt, USAF



An Introduction

This is not a complete life story or history of Bob Peters. It is a collection of stories, anecdotes, memories, and events in the life of a really good guy. I was very fortunate to meet Bob, a fellow Marine, when he frequently walked his dogs near my house in Youngsville, North Carolina. As our friendship deepened we moved apart – me to another city and Bob to an independent living center. Strangely as the distance increased our relationship deepened as we visited more frequently including Bob sharing his stories and going out to lunch or running errands together.

I have grown to love Bob as more than a friend – he is like a brother. We shared pride in the Marine Corps as well as a surprising military similarity – he served during the Korean War but didn't get sent there, I served during the Vietnam War and also was not sent. Over the past few years we have shared many stories and when Bob asked me to help him compile his notes, memories, and significant events in his life into a format he could leave to his family members I felt honored to do this for him.

I hope that those who have known Bob appreciate the very full life he has led and the impact he has had not only on other people but on the many organizations with which he has engaged. His family and friends deserve to have a record of his accomplishments – and his stories.

I've tried to divide this "story" into relevant sections, reflecting Bob's life and accomplishments. While not in perfect chronological order I've tried to maintain a structure that would make sense to family and friends and I sincerely hope that I have managed to include many highlights and events that reflect the man I have come to know and love.

Bernie Wolf