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Kevin lives in East Lake/Palm Harbor with his wife of 30 years, Susan, and two daughters, Kaitlyn (23) and Kristen (21). He previously lived in Saint Petersburg for several years and New Tampa for two years prior to moving back to Pinellas County.

He retired as a Captain after 30 years in the United States Navy. While on active duty, he commanded Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Seven (HS-7) during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron One (VX-1), and the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit (NROTC) at the University of South Florida (USF) where he also served as a professor of Leadership and Ethics and department chair. He was qualified as a Seahawk Weapons and Tactics Instructor (SWTI), having been in charge of the Navy's Rotary Wing Weapons and Tactics School located at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (NSAWC) at NAS Fallon, NV. (The rotary wing version of TOPGUN, just not as famous) He is a qualified Navy test pilot with over 5,500 hours in more than 50 different types of aircraft, including the P-8A Poseidon, E-2D Hawkeye, F-18 Hornet, F-16 Falcon, T-38 Talon, A-4 Skyhawk, MH-53E Sea Dragon, P-3C Orion, A-6 Intruder, H-2 Sea Sprite, H-3 Sea King, OH-6 Cayuse, MI-24 HIND, and H-60 Seahawk series.

Kevin has deployed on the following aircraft carriers during his career: USS NIMITZ (Twice), USS INDEPENDENCE, USS KITTY HAWK, USS EISENHOWER, and USS HARRY S TRUMAN (Twice). While in the Navy he has visited every continent except Antarctica, and spent more than 5 years at sea and away from his family.

Mr. Kenney has earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, The Legion of Merit(2), The Bronze Star, Navy and Marine Commendation Medal(5), Navy and Marine Achievement Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon(6) and various other unit, campaign and personal awards.

Mr. Kenney has a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs from the University of Southern California (Cum Laude), a Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Tennessee, a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and is a graduate of U.S. Navy Test Pilot School Class 101.

Kevin currently works for CAE USA, the world's largest manufacturer of flight simulators, as a test pilot and capture manager. He is also a fire commissioner for the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, and an alumnus of Leadership Pinellas ('18)