Robert "Bob" Sinclair

Director of Intramural Sports and Campus Recreation
Campus Recreation
(1977-1995)

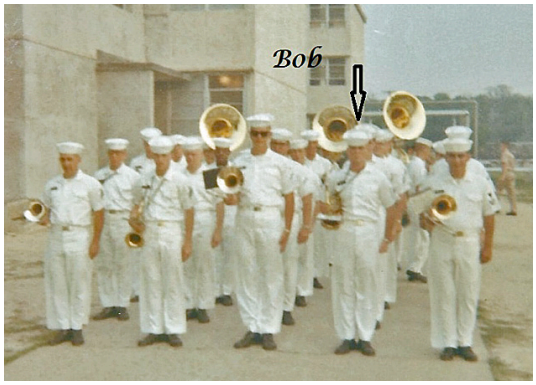


U. S. Navy
Viet Nam Era
(1964-1967)

[Thanks to Bob's brother Dan for providing much of this information and the photographs.]

Bob went into the Navy as did our dad a few uncles and myself.

Bob entered the Navy at age 17 on August 12, 1964 after high school graduation. He went through boot camp at Great Lakes Recruit Training Center class #5933. Upon completing basic training on October 27, 1964 he was transferred to the Navy Music School in Little Creek, Virginia where he learned the advanced musical techniques of the US Navy. After finishing Music "A" school in September of 1965 Bob was transferred to his command aboard the USS Springfield (CLG-7). The band reported directly to the Admiral in Command of the Navy's Sixth Fleet. His band provided music for military honors and ceremonies for Chiefs of State, Heads of Government and senior officers of the military services of the European, Middle Eastern and North African nations riparian to the Mediterranean Sea.



Because Bob was 17 when he enlisted he qualified for a program that allowed for an early discharge in order to attend college prior to his 21st birthday and he took advantage of this program. He transferred to the Naval Reserves in September of 1967 to attend college at Eastern Michigan University and then he went on to Ohio University in Athens, Ohio for his Master's Degree in Physical Education.



He received an honorable discharge from the Navy in August of 1970.

Bob worked at SUNY College in Brockport, NY as Director of Intramural Sports, until moving to Big Rapids in 1995, where he was Director of Student

Recreation at Ferris State University until retiring in February, 2008.
For most of his adult life in both Brockport and Michigan Bob officiated football and softball games at youth and high school levels. Similarly he was an active and dedicated member of the Rotary in both Brockport and Michigan. While Bob was a big hearted and fun loving guy he was serious about work and his contributions to the "greater good" through his work with the Rotary. Pat Baker, a former colleague at the College at Brockport and Rotary has shared comments about Bob from Mo Beers that she passed on for me to share:



I knew him well, both from the college and Rotary. The Rotary club used to supply Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to needy families in Brockport that Bob organized and used his van to deliver. I remember it as a great feeling of giving and fellowship. We had to end it when the schools would no longer supply us with the names of families in need. Good memories! I would also add that Bob was the inspiration for and the first recipient of the Brockport Rotary's Irv Kropman Award for dedication and service back in 1993 and was Club president in 1989-90.

Bob passed away from complications of diabetes and heart disease on April 9, 2011.

He is greatly missed.

[Dan Sinclair]