



Sunday, May 29, 2022
NASCAR Cup Series

Rev up your Memorial Day weekend with the historic 63rd running of the Coca-Cola 600, NASCAR's toughest test of man and machine!

Bubba Wallace and 23XI will proudly participate in this year's Coke 600 also promoted as "600 Miles of Remembrance" at Charlotte Motor Speedway during Memorial Day weekend. This program is designed to honor and remember the men and women who gave their lives in active duty service defending our country. Each year, fallen service members are honored by featuring their names on the windshield of each car. Last year, Bubba and #23 were honored to display servicemembers names on his windshield.

Leidos ERG Military Alliance Group (MAG) asked for input to memorialize those who gave all for our country.

MAG decided with Bubba to place the names submitted on the car's windshield.

Watch for LCDR Marshall "Chet" Atkins, USN - (10th Company) His Name to be on Car #23!

Military Alliance Group



Join the MAG ERG!



Mike Matson Submitted Marshall's name for this recognition! Good on you Mike! See next page for Mike's input.



Michael Matson said moments ago

Lieutenant Commander Marshall "Chet" Atkins, USN. A-6 Intruder pilot killed in the line of duty and is memorialized in Memorial Hall, United States Naval Academy.

Chet was my friend and a leader in 10th Company at USNA. His sacrifice for our freedom will be long remembered.

From the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum [Wall of Honor](#):

LCDR Marshall W. Atkins (4-4-57 to 21-4-93), the son of a career Army Officer, grew up in Germany, Liberia, Korea and several locations in the USA. LCDR Atkins was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy class of 1980 and later earned a MS degree in Aviation Systems Engineering from the Univ. of Tennessee. He completed basic flight training at Pensacola Naval Training Facility and proceeded to Meridian, MS for advanced flight training, qualifying in T-2, TA-4 and the S-3 jet aircraft.

LCDR Atkins served on the aircraft carrier Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and was selected to attend the U. S. Navy Test Pilot School at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD where he remained as an instructor/test pilot. He served aboard the Carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) flying the A-6 Intruder fighter-bomber for Attack Squadron 36 (VA-36), where he participated in one of the most decisive victories in modern warfare flying numerous missions during Operation Desert Storm. He also participated in operations Desert Shield and Provide Comfort flying A-6 missions. He was later assigned to the A-6 attack squadron 34 on the aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN-73), his third assignment aboard a newly commissioned U.S. Navy nuclear aircraft carrier.

LCDR Atkins was selected as an Astronaut candidate for both the pilot and mission specialist programs. However, his untimely death in 1993 while on a training mission at Nellis AFB, NV, put an end to his many lofty aspirations. LCDR Atkins was married to the former Diane Watson and had one son, Shawn. When asked why he chose to become a pilot, he unhesitatingly replied, "It was a dream I had since childhood."



From the 1980 Lucky Bag.