



# Clayton "Ned" Conger

1948 Alumni

Clayton "Ned" Conger lived a remarkable life that was greatly influenced by his up-bringing in Loup City. Ned was a US Navy Captain and was highly decorated and valued for his unique problem-solving ability by the Navy during his 22-year career. Ned was a proud native son. People from all over the world: from Madrid to Saigon and on aircraft carriers, from the Mediterranean to the South China Sea, heard stories about Loup City and its people.

Ned Conger provided ideas for naval strategy, combat aircraft development, and a multitude of other areas during careers as a program analyst assistant to the Navy's F/A-18 Strike Fighter Program. He was widely recognized as a key to the program's success.

Ned is the author of a book entitled "Thinking Outside the Oven," where he presents solutions that plague our world. He was a strong advocate for inspiring people to get involved.

Those that met him remarked, "Ned Conger embodied America, duty, honor. He was the best of men, the wisest of counselors."

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