What a sad day as we’ve lost another of our true stalwart Navy Leaguers when Captain Jim Lea passed away today, at home with family and hospice care.

Jim joined the Navy during World War-2 and served with distinction in the Pacific as an 18 year-old combat medic.

During the Viet Nam war Jim, now a full-fledged MD, served in field hospital duty with his fellow Palm Beacher and life-long friend Dr. Charles Moore, also a member of our Palm Beach Council. Jim was Commanding Officer, First Medical Battalion, First Marine Division.

Three days following his retirement, after 44 years of Navy service, Jim joined Chief Surgeon/CEO Chuck at JFK Medical Center and became Chairman of the Oncology Department.

Jim served on the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach Council, and he and Barbara were regular attendees of the council’s social and sea-service events.

Sailor, rest your oars – you have reached the shore. Rest in Peace, Shipmate !!