

Jim Sievert is a native of Toledo, Ohio. After serving as captain of his high school varsity tennis team and mathematics club, Jim received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, from Sen. John H. Glenn Jr. (D-Ohio).

Upon commissioning in 1995, he joined the surface warfare officer (SWO) community, serving aboard two Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigates in the Atlantic Ocean (U.S. 2nd Fleet). Deploying twice to the Mediterranean Sea, as well as participating in various exercises and operations in the Caribbean and Black Seas, Jim remained on active duty ashore following the 9/11 terrorist attacks with a Civil Support unit of U.S. Northern Command.

In 2004, Jim married then Cmdr. Lisa Franchetti and left military service the following year to pursue a civilian contractor career in software engineering and project management. Their daughter, Isabel, was born in 2006 and is a high school student in DCPS.

As a flag officer spouse alongside Adm. Franchetti since 2013, their family served overseas in South Korea and Italy, as well as San Diego and Washington D.C. Jim pursues a number of passions, including collecting and reading classical world literature; writing poetry; maintaining physical fitness via trail-running, lap-swimming, rowing erg and cycling; cooking savory side-dishes and baking delectable pies or cookies; volunteering with military family support groups and reading liturgy at church. His primary domestic goal remains experimenting with becoming a more effective "21st century teenager" parent.