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Executive Director, John Markowicz, Dies at 68

New London: seCTer announces with sadness the death of John Markowicz, long-time Executive Director of the organization, after a long and valiant struggle with brain cancer. Mr. Markowicz graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and served his country as a naval officer in the Submarine service before joining Sonalysts, a defense and entertainment technology company in Waterford, CT in its developing years. He was a founder of seCTer and active within the economic development community from 1997.



Among his many development activities, he served on the boards of the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board, the Eastern CT Tourism District (which he chaired), and the Transportation Strategy board, three agencies that he considered vital to the economic health of the region.

The accomplishment of which he was most proud in his working life was his leadership of the coalition to save Subbase New London in Groton from closure during the BRAC round of 2005. Without his bulldog-like determination and focused intelligence, the outcome of what he called the “BRAC wars” might have not ended successfully for Connecticut.

Mr. Markowicz is survived by his wife Delores (Laurie), son Capt. John Markowicz, Jr. USN, daughter Karen, and seven much-loved grandchildren. He will be much missed by his colleagues and friends and his staff at seCTer. Donations in his memory may be made to St. Joseph’s School, Squire Street, New London, CT 06320.

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