



### Dennis Fiehler

Dennis Fiehler arrived on TCC's doorstep in January, 1971 to pursue a degree in accounting. He had just completed four years in the Army including a combat tour in Vietnam. Dennis had the good fortune to study accounting under Dot Binger which led to Dot's engaging Dennis as an assistant and tutor while completing his studies at FSU. In 1973 Dennis left Tallahassee to become a certified public

accountant with Coopers & Lybrand in Louisville, but he and his wife Judy never lost touch with Dot.

After several years in public accounting Dennis joined General Dynamics (GD) in St. Louis, advancing through positions in audit, treasury and financial planning. His final role at GD, CFO of business development companies in Greece and Turkey (created in connection with sales of fighter aircraft to those countries) provided the experience needed for a position that would comprise the final third of his career, CFO of the Bulgarian American Enterprise Fund (BAEF) in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The BAEF and nine sister investment funds were established under the 1989 Support for East European Democracy Act to promote transition to free markets and democracy in former communist countries. The Fund's success allowed for creation of a legacy foundation, the America for Bulgaria Foundation ([www.us4bg.org](http://www.us4bg.org)).

During his career Dennis also served on the boards of the Lutheran Ministries Association in St. Louis and American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria. This month Judy and Dennis are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary along with their daughter, Erin, son Jason, his wife Katie and grandson Connor.

Watch the video presented at the 2019 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony of Dot Binger speaking on behalf of Dennis Fiehler [HERE](#).