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John Jr. survived World War II, as did his two older brothers. For his heroic efforts, John received the Distinguished Flying Cross. Following a brief period of general medical/surgical practice, he became specialized and certified in neuropsychiatry. He served as an adjunct professor at the University of California and retired in 2000 from a large practice in Fullerton-Anaheim, California. At Notre Dame, he is a member of the Stephen Theodore Badin Guild.

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