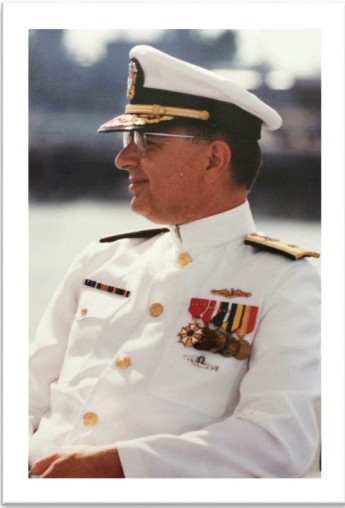


## **RADM Thomas A. Meinicke, USN (Ret.)**



Rear Admiral Thomas Alfred Meinicke, United States Navy, hailed from Rapid City, South Dakota and embarked upon a full career in the submarine service after graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1960. During a career filled with an insatiable appetite for learning, he earned a Master of Science Degree in Operations Research from the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California and graduated from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, focusing in National and International Security.

His naval service was marked by calm, quiet leadership. Tom commanded the USS Flying Fish (SSN-673), the Nuclear Power Training Unit, Idaho Falls, Submarine Squadron Eight, and Commander, Submarine Groups Six and Ten at the Flag Rank. In addition to his afloat tours aboard the USS Sea Dragon (SSN-584), USS Sam Rayburn (SSBN-635), USS Mariano G. Vallejo (SSBN-685), and USS Nathan Hale (SSBN-623) (Gold Crew), he served as both the Force Nuclear Power Officer and Chief of Staff, Commander Submarine Forces U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Tom was the Director, Attack Submarine Division and SSN program Coordinator (OP-22) and the Director, Strategic and Theater Nuclear Warfare Division (OP-65). His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit with four gold stars, the Meritorious Service Medal, with two gold stars, and the Navy Commendation Medal with three gold stars.

After his 32 years of Naval Service, Tom embarked on a successful second career in the civilian sector. He served as the Manager, Planning and Assessment Department for the South Texas Nuclear Project, as the Deputy Plant Manager for the South Texas Nuclear Project, as Vice President of Operations for Sithe Independence Power Partners, LP in Oswego, NY and as Vice President of Operations for Sithe New England in Boston, Mass. Tom retired to Virginia Beach, Va.

Tom, a gifted artist, was not only a life-long voracious reader, but also an avid fly fisherman and a passionate master wood-worker.

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