



Vice Admiral David Architzel USN (Ret)

Vice Admiral (retired) David Architzel is the newly appointed Director of military affairs at Old Dominion University. As director, he serves as ODU's liaison with the Department of Defense, military installations and service personnel, while promoting the university and its academic programs to the military community. His duties include creating awareness of ODU programs and services throughout the defense establishment; advising university leadership on implications of DOD policies; identifying external funding , grants and contracts; representing the university at military events and programs; pursuing DOD support for instructional and research programs; and coordinating on-campus ROTC units.

In October 2012 he completed service in the U.S. Navy after nearly 40 years as a commissioned officer. Most recently he was Commander of Naval Air Systems Command headquartered in Patuxent River, Md., a position he assumed in 2010 after serving as the principal military deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition). Previous flag assignments included Program Executive Officer for Aircraft Carriers; Commander of Operational Test and Evaluation Force, Norfolk; Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic; Commander, Naval Safety Center, Norfolk; Commander, Iceland Defense Force; and Commander, Fleet Air Keflavik. At sea, he served as the Executive officer, USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69) and Pre-commissioning Unit *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74), Commanding officer, USS *Guam* (LPH 9); flagship for commander Amphibious Squadron (CPR) 2; and as the sixth Commanding officer of USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71).

A New York native, he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1973 and later a master's degree in aeronautical systems from the University of West Florida. He is also a graduate of the Naval Test Pilot School and the Navy's nuclear power program.