

Richard J. O'Hanlon Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy (retired)

Rich retired from the United States Navy in May 2011 after a 35 year career. He is a native of New York City and a 1976 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He spent his career in Naval Aviation.

He flew the A-7E Corsair II and the FA-18 Hornet and Super Hornet from the decks of numerous aircraft carriers. Rich was trained as a Navy test pilot and served a tour at the Naval Test Center in Patuxent River, MD. During his Navy career he accumulated over 4000 flight hours in 35 different military aircraft and logged over 900 carrier arrested landings. He commanded a strike fighter squadron, a fast combat support ship and a nuclear powered aircraft carrier. His many commands were cited for operational excellence and battle efficiency.



Selected to flag rank in 2003, he served at the US Joint Forces Command directing the operations of a joint, mobile command and control organization. Rich next commanded Strike Force Training Atlantic where he was responsible for the training and certification of all Atlantic sea going units. He then served on the staff of US Fleet Forces command as the deputy chief of staff responsible for logistics and training. His last Navy tour was commanding Naval Air Force Atlantic in which capacity he oversaw the manning, training and equipping of the Atlantic Fleet's 5 aircraft carriers, 1500 aircraft and the 35,000 people assigned to Naval Aviation units.

Since leaving active duty, Rich has worked as an executive in the air transportation and cruise ship industries. He now resides in Virginia Beach with his wife, Eileen.