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Vice President for Marine Operations
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Birth: 1 June 1935

Education:

Master of Science, Physics (Underwater Acoustics) Naval Postgraduate School
Bachelor of Science - U. S. Naval Academy 1958
ASW Officer School - 12 weeks
Graduate of Naval War College - 1972

Experience:

Full range of leadership and military experience tours, U. S. Navy, 1958-1982 including
Commanding Officer of two ships, *USS Pledge* (MSO 492) and *USS Connole* (FF 1056)
Commander of Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Six, COMDESRON 26, Norfolk, VA, 1982-1984
Chief of Staff, U. S. Naval Forces Europe and Deputy Commander, Eastern Atlantic,
London, England, 1984-1986
Director, Antisubmarine Warfare Division (OP-71), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations,
1986-1988
Oceanographer of the Navy (OP-096), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Department of
the Navy, 1988-1990
Retired in the rank of Rear Admiral (Upper Half) after 37 years in the U. S. Navy
Arctic Research Coordinator, November 1990 to 2000, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
Associate Director for Marine Operations, March 1991 - 2002, Woods Hole Oceanographic
Institution
Vice President for Marine Operations, 2002 to present, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Memberships:

Member, Naval Academy Alumni
Member, Society of the Sigma Xi
Member, Oceanography Society
Marine Technology Society
American Geophysical Union
National Defense Industrial Association
Advisor to the Arctic Research Commission for 1999 and 2000

Research Interests:

Naval Oceanography policy, planning and funding; ASW operations, global change with regard
to ocean, weather and ice research; acoustic/sonar exploration and mapping.

Author or Co-Author:

About 30 articles, reports and books, including a Commanding Officer's reference book, an ASW
case studies book (basis of ASW training and fleet tactics, articles in American Journal of
Acoustics, National Geographic, Undersea Technology, Marine Technology, Oceanus magazine,
ASW Master Plan, and ASW Top Level Warfare Requirements.