

RADM DAVE OLIVER, USN RET.

After graduating from the Naval Academy, Admiral Oliver served as Engineering Officer on USS Trumpetfish (SS 425), USS George Washington Carver (SSBN 656) Commissioning Crew, Engineering Officer on USS Nautilus (SSN 571), Executive Officer on USS Haddo (SSN 604) and four years as Commanding Officer of USS Plunger (SSN 595). He was then transferred to Hawaii where he was in charge of Submarine Personnel Matters in the Pacific.

Admiral Oliver's next assignments were Commander, Submarine Group Seven in Yokosuka, Japan and Chief of Staff of the Seventh Fleet. Following selection for the rank of Admiral, he went on to be responsible for Plans and Policy for the Pentagon, then Commander, Submarine Group Five in San Diego, CA. He then returned to the Pentagon where he was responsible for Navy Programs (Budget) following the Cold War. He served as Principal Deputy, Acquisition, Research and Logistics before retiring from the Navy in 1995.

His active duty decorations include the Defense and Navy Distinguished Service Medals as well as six awards of the Legion of Merit.

Entering civilian life, Admiral Oliver held Executive positions at Westinghouse and Northrop Grumman. He was appointed by President Clinton as Principal Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, the fifth senior position in the Defense Department. He left the Government to run his own business for two years, and was then appointed by President Bush as Director Management and Budget for the Coalition Forces in Iraq as well as Special Advisor to the Iraqi Finance Minister.

When he returned from Iraq, Admiral Oliver became CEO of the Defense Company EADS North America and Chief Operating Officer of Airbus, North America.

His public service awards include the Bronze Palm (2nd Award) to the DOD Award for Distinguished Public Service as well as the Army and the Navy Public Service Awards.

Admiral Oliver is the published author of *Making it in Washington*, as well as two leadership books, *Lead On* and *Against the Tide*, the story of Admiral Rickover's establishment of culture change in the Navy. He also has written his wife's biography, *Wide Blue Ribbon*.