



Rear Admiral Glenn E. Whisler, USN (Ret.)

Rear Admiral Glenn Whisler is a visionary leader who has extensive experience across the full spectrum of joint military operations, private industry and volunteer service to our nation. His active duty naval service of 28 years encompassed virtually all areas of naval and joint operations, including four at-sea commands with extensive experience in aircraft carrier battle group and amphibious task force operations. He commanded the USS Bronstein (FF1037), USS Moinester (FF1097) and Destroyer Squadron Thirty-Two. His fourth command at sea was as Commander Amphibious Group Two/NATO Striking Force where he commanded an amphibious force composed of 32 ships and 15,000 assigned personnel.

Whisler gained national and international recognition for his technical and operational leadership as a pioneer in the introduction of the Navy's surface ship towed array systems. For this achievement his ship was awarded the Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Award.

Ashore, he served on the staffs of the Chief of Naval Personnel, Chief of Naval Operations, the Secretary of the Navy and the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic. He was Chief of Staff to the Commander Naval Surface Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet and commanded the Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, RI where he directed the training of Surface Warfare Officers from the rank of Ensign to Captain.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal (second highest award bestowed by DoD), the Legion of Merit (5 awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Vietnam Service Medal (4 campaigns).

Whisler's naval service was followed by 17 years with Northrop Grumman Corporation as a Director and Military Advisor. In this capacity, he was responsible for advanced concepts development, weapons systems requirements and systems engineering. He was the National Chairman of the National Defense Industrial Association's Expeditionary Warfare Committee and was the recipient of the Association's prestigious silver medal for his outstanding service to the defense industry.

The admirals' philanthropic endeavors continue into his retirement. In 2008, he was elected as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and now serves as Trustee Emeritus, for the Naval War College Foundation. The Foundation supports the Naval War College, a post-

graduate institution that graduates about 1,600 students each year from 76 nations and employs 700 faculty and staff. Whisler is also a member of the Board of Directors for Oliver Hazard Perry Rhode Island, the organization charged with the construction and operation of the tall ship SSV Oliver Hazard Perry and its Classroom Under Sail program.

Whisler is a native of Morgantown, West Virginia and a graduate of University High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry (honors) from West Virginia University (1962) and a Master of Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island (1972). He is also a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College and the National Defense University's Capstone course.

Rear Admiral Whisler was honored by the Morgantown WV Celebration of America Committee as their Distinguished Monongalian of the year for 2016.

He and his wife, Betty, reside in Newport, RI and have two adult children, Lisa and Glenn Edward III.