

## **REAR ADMIRAL CHARLES J. BEERS, JR. USN (RETIRED)**

Rear Admiral Charles “Chuck” Beers graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1967. Following nuclear power and submarine training, he served in a series of increasing responsible positions in several submarines including Engineer and Navigator. He served ashore as the Nuclear Power Officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Force Atlantic.

Rear Admiral Beers served as the Commanding Officer, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINTE PAUL (SSN 708) a fast attack submarine for 3 years. He returned to the staff of Commander Submarine Force for two years as the Prospective Commanding Officer Instructor, responsible for training all submarine commanding officers. Following this tour, he relieved as Commanding Officer, USS DIXON (AS 37) a submarine nuclear repair ship with a crew of 1500.

Rear Admiral Beers served as the Deputy Director and then Director, Attack Submarine Division, in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations responsible for the fast attack submarine budget direction and program development. Assigned next to the Department of Energy as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application and Stockpile Support, he was responsible for the design, safeguarding, manufacture and distribution of the nation’s nuclear weapons and related programs. Rear Admiral Beers’s last Navy assignment was Commander Submarine Group Ten, the Atlantic Fleet command for all ballistic missile submarines.

Under his leadership, his crews have earned the Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation (Three awards), and the Battle Efficiency “E” (Five awards), the Navy Expeditionary Medal and the Navy Arctic Service Ribbon. His personal awards include; the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (five awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Rear Admiral Beers has attended Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI.

Rear Admiral Beers retired from LMCO as the Vice President, Maritime Programs. In this capacity he supervised Corporate Field Marketing coverage to the Maritime customers in key geographic areas. He also chaired the Corporation’s Maritime Focus Team, which is designed to bring the various corporate business units together and focus on complex Maritime programs / issues.

Rear Admiral Beers serves as President of the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation, Chairman of the Board of the Hampton Roads/Central Virginia USO, and Secretary of the Nauticus Foundation. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Hampton Roads Navy League, and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum.

Rear Admiral Beers and his wife, Susan, have two children. Their son, Clay, is a 1995 graduate of the Naval Academy, was an F/A-18 pilot and is currently Director of Standards and Performance at Halliburton. Their daughter, Irene, graduated from Colgate University in 1998 and is an adjunct professor at Gettysburg College.