

Richard Butts

Real Admiral Richard F. Butts was born in Xenia, Ohio, in 1932, and graduated from Northridge in 1950 and earned a bachelor of science degree from General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan, in 1955. He enlisted in the navy and was awarded a master of science degree in 1963 at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. Mr. Butts served as an officer on several ships, culminating in his first command assignment in 1972 with the USS Luce. He was then assigned to the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a strategic planner and advisor to the JCS representative to the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT). His next at-sea command was the USS Dale from 1977-1980; then he commanded Destroyer Squadron Twelve until 1982 when he became Chief of Staff for the naval surface force in the Atlantic. In August 1983 Rear Admiral Butts was named the deputy U. S. military representative to the NATO military committee in Brussels. Following this overseas assignment, Mr. Butts became commander of the Philadelphia naval base and then reported to the U. S. Atlantic Fleet as Inspector General until his retirement in August 1987.

Real Admiral Butts' decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Gold Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat 'V', the Navy Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with device.

Mr. Butts has been happily married to the former Carol Miller of Dayton for 43 years and has four children: Jennifer Bridges of Woodbridge, Virginia, Richard of Dallas, Robert of Jacksonville, Florida and Judith Call, Jacksonville. They also have 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way.

Rear Admiral Butts and Mrs. Butts continue their association with the navy through their youngest daughter, Lt. Commander Judith and their son-in-law Lt. Commander Michael Call, U. S. Navy, Retired. He continues to believe that a strong viable navy must be a part of our national defense strategy and feels we must encourage our young people to take advantage of the training and educational facilities available in today's Navy.