



Charles A. Williams, Jr.

REAR ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY (RETIRED)
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Rear Admiral Williams graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1972 and received his MBA from St. Louis University in 1981, where he later taught in the Business School as an adjunct professor.

After earning his commission through Aviation Officer Candidate School and assignments to VT-1, VT-23 and VT-21, Rear Adm. Williams attended the Navy Supply Corps School and Joint Aviation Supply/Maintenance Program. His initial assignment after graduation was Anti-Submarine Squadron 28 (VS-28). While deployed aboard USS America, CAG Six appointed him to his staff as the Airwing Supply Officer. In 1977, he was selected to the Naval Acquisition Contracting Officer (NACO) Intern Program and assigned to the Aviation Supply Office in Philadelphia, Pa. contracting for aircraft parts and repair services. He subsequently attended Army, Navy and Air Force Defense Contracting Courses and Executive Programs at the University of Virginia and Naval Post Graduate School.

After release from active duty Rear Adm. Williams continued his naval career with diverse assignments in CONUS and overseas units including Joint Service commands and the Secretary of the Navy's Office of Program Appraisal at the Pentagon. Assignments included five reserve Commanding Officer tours: NSC Pensacola; NSD Guam; DCMD Chicago; NAVICP Mechanicsburg and DSC Columbus. He last served as Deputy Commander, Naval Inventory Control Point, a 2800-person organization with \$5B in sales responsible for aviation, ship and submarine parts. He attended Executive Programs at Harvard and North Carolina focusing on International Relations and Logistics, the Naval and Army War Colleges, the NATO school in Germany with Foreign Military and Political Leaders, the Transportation Management School and Center for Creative Leadership Courses. He often served on selection boards for promotions, billet assignments and Navy Policy Boards.

Rear Admiral Williams participated in multiple exercises around the world, working with joint US forces and foreign militaries. Exercises include experience onboard submarines, aircraft, surface ships, and with Seabee and seal team units. While deployed, his ship was cited for humanitarian efforts for its successful evacuation of Americans out of war torn Lebanon following an attack on the US Embassy.

Rear Adm. Williams is active in the St. Louis community. He served on committees with the Regional Commerce and Growth Association and St. Louis Realtor Association for economic development, Special School District educational committees, and as the Missouri State Representative for Tuberos Sclerosis. He also participated in various fund raising activities. He has been a speaker to local organizations on Naval Sea Power. He is President of the St. Louis Navy League and President of the Ritenour Foundation.

Rear Adm. Williams is a Principal of Commercial Realty, a commercial real estate firm in St. Louis, specializing in client representation for office, industrial, retail and investment properties. He has been recognized in The St. Louis Business Journal "Heavy Hitter" report for top real estate executives in the community. Previously, he was a logistics engineer working on F-18 supportability and a contract negotiator for the AV-8B and F-18 program at McDonnell Douglas. He holds an Airline Transport Pilot and Flight Instructor Certificate (CFIIMEI). He flew Jetstream J-32's for American Connection and regional jets for Northwest AirLink. He has over 3500 hours of flight time and Type Ratings in the CL-65 and EMB-145. He is a certified diver with experience in the Pacific, Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Meritorious Service Medals and two Navy Commendation Medals. He holds a Naval Aviation Supply Officer Warfare Designation and is Defense Acquisition Level II certified.