

## Vice Admiral Dennis V. McGinn, USN (Ret.)

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**Date Appointed to the Commission:** February 10, 2004.

**Work Experience:** Admiral McGinn is Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Energy, Transportation and Environment Division at Battelle Memorial Institute. He first joined Battelle as Vice President for Strategic Planning in 2002, following retirement after 35 years with the U.S. Navy. He is actively engaged in national forums to highlight the close link between energy and international security, as well as the imperative for innovative policies and more effective deployment of technology to create a high quality, sustainable global environment. Admiral McGinn serves on the board of directors of Brookhaven Science Associates, the board of directors of the National Conference on Citizenship, the board of advisors of the American Council on Renewable Energy and is a Senior Fellow for International Security at the Rocky Mountain Institute.

**Military Service:** A naval aviator, test pilot and national security strategist, Commissioner McGinn has served in a broad range of operational, staff and command billets.

Operational tours at sea include two combat deployments aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger, flying strike missions with Attack Squadron 113 while serving as Landing Signal Officer and Weapons Officer. He served as Operations and Maintenance Officer in Attack Squadron 146 aboard USS Constellation and as Executive Officer of USS Coral Sea.

Shore and staff assignments include Air Warfare Officer at VX-5, China Lake, CA and Chief Test Pilot, Strike Directorate, Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD. He attended the Naval War College, the Program for Senior Officials in National Security at Harvard University, and served as a Chief of Naval Operations Fellow on the Strategic Studies Group. Commissioner McGinn's first Flag assignment was as Chief, Information Systems and Chief Negotiator, Allied Command Restructuring, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe.

Command experience includes tours as Commanding Officer of Light Attack Weapons School, Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 27 during two deployments aboard USS Coral Sea, Commanding Officer of Strike Fighter Squadron 125, flying F/A 18 Hornets, and Commanding Officer of the fleet replenishment oiler, USS Wichita.

From 1991 until July 1993, he served as Commanding Officer of the aircraft carrier USS Ranger (CV 61) making an extended western Pacific and Indian Ocean deployment. In 1995 Commissioner McGinn served as Commander, Carrier Group One, responsible for the operational training and combat readiness of all Pacific Fleet Carrier Battle Groups. In January 1996, Commissioner McGinn was assigned as Director, Air Warfare Division in the headquarters of the Chief of Naval Operations where he was responsible for all policy, planning, programming and budgeting for Naval Aviation. In November 1998, Commissioner McGinn assumed duties as the twentieth Commander of the U.S. Third Fleet. Based aboard USS Coronado, he was responsible for the safety, training and readiness of all naval ships, submarines and aviation squadrons operating in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and served as the Pacific Command's Joint Force Commander for joint warfare experimentation.

In October 2000, Commissioner McGinn assumed duties in the Pentagon as the first Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfare Requirements and Programs (N6/N7), responsible for determining needed future naval combat capabilities and for deploying systems to fully enable joint network centric operations. He held additional duties as the Navy's executive agent for technology experimentation and rapid prototyping, and as the Director of ForceNet, the principal element of the Navy's Sea Power 21 Strategy.

**Educational Attainment:** Commissioner McGinn is a native of Attleboro, Massachusetts, and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the Naval Test Pilot School. He was a Fellow at the Naval War College on the Strategic Studies Group and attended the national security program at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.