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REAR ADMIRAL RALPH W. WEST, JR.
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Rear Admiral Ralph W. West, Jr., graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June 1958 and reported to the destroyer USS JONAS INGRAM (DD-938) for his first sea tour. After attending Submarine School and nuclear power training he served on submarines USS TULLIBEE (SSN-597), USS DANIEL WEBSTER (SSBN-626) and USS SKIPJACK (SSN-585). In June 1967, he reported to the staff of Submarine Squadron FOURTEEN at Holy Loch, Scotland for two years as Material Officer. He then served as Executive Officer of USS POGY (SSN-647) commissioning crew. He commanded USS GURNARD (SSN-662) from May 1973 until May 1976.

He subsequently served on the staff of Submarine Group FIVE in San Diego until July 1978 when he was assigned as Senior Member, Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board on the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

He commanded Submarine Squadron FIFTEEN in Guam from June 1980 to June 1981. His next assignments were Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics and then Chief of Staff of the Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. After selection to Rear Admiral, he reported in May 1984 as Deputy Director for Operations, National Military Command Center, JCS. In June 1985, Rear Admiral West assumed command of Submarine Group FIVE in San Diego, California, and in January 1987, he was assigned additional duty as Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Rear Admiral West next served as Director for Pride, Professionalism and Personal Excellence for the Navy for two years. He relieved as Superintendent of Naval Postgraduate School in July 1989.

Rear Admiral West has earned the following medals: Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (fourth award), Meritorious Service Medal (third award), Navy Commendation Medal (second award), Navy Achievement Medal, and additional unit and service decorations.

Rear Admiral West is married to the former Katheryne Hale of Washington, D.C. They have two children, Whitaker and Diana.

