VICE ADMIRAL (RETIRED) MICHAEL J. CONNOR

A native of Weymouth, Massachusetts, Vice Adm. Michael Connor graduated from Bowdoin College in 1980. He is a Mahan Scholar and distinguished graduate of the Naval War College with a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs and Strategic Studies.

Following completion of his initial nuclear power and submarine training, he served on USS Ulysses S. Grant (SSBN 631), USS Pittsburgh (SSN 720), USS Providence (SSN 719), and USS Augusta (SSN 710).

Connor commanded USS Seawolf (SSN 21) from 1997 to 2000. He served as commander, Submarine Squadron 8 from March 2003 through July 2004. From June 2008 until April 2010, he served as commander, Submarine Group 7, Task Force 54/74 Yokosuka, Japan.

Connor's shore assignments include service at the Navy Operational Intelligence Center; flag secretary for the Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; prospective commanding officer instructor for U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He has served on the Joint Staff, on the staff of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy; as director, Submarine Warfare Division (N87); director, Naval Warfare Integration Group (N00X); and, assistant deputy chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems (N9B) on the OPNAV staff. He served as commander, Submarine Forces from September 2012 until September 2015.

His personal awards include the Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards).