

Admiral Robert J Natter, US Navy Retired

Biography

Robert J. Natter is President of R.J. Natter & Associates, LLC, a nationwide consulting and advocacy firm specializing in corporate and defense strategy. He serves on the Board of Directors of BAE Systems, Inc. the U.S. subsidiary of BAE Systems plc and on the Board of Corporate Travel Management (CTM), a publicly traded Australian (ASX) company specializing in Corporate travel with holdings in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, China, Europe, and the United States. He also serves on the Advisory Boards of Physical Optics Corporation (POC), a technology innovative research company, Centerra Group, a privately held security company.

Natter enlisted in the Naval Reserve at age 17. Following one year enlisted service and graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy he eventually was promoted to the rank of Admiral. In 2003, after 36 years of active commissioned service, Admiral Natter completed his Navy career as Commander in Chief of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, the first Commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command, and the Commander-in-Chief of the NATO Western Atlantic Command. At that time the Atlantic Fleet consisted of over 160,000 Sailors and Marines, 162 ships and 1,200 aircraft, as well as 18 major shore stations.

Admiral Natter's commands also included Officer-in-Charge of a Naval Special Warfare detachment (Boat Support Unit) in Vietnam; Cruiser and Destroyer Commands; and command of the U.S. Seventh Fleet in Asia. His shore assignments included staff member for the House Armed Services Committee (100th Congress); Executive Assistant to the Vice Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff during Operation Desert Storm; Chief of Legislative Affairs for the Navy; Director for Space, Information Warfare, Command and Control; and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy, and Operations.

His military decorations include the Silver Star Medal, four awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, five awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V, and the Purple Heart among others.

In 2012 Natter assumed Chairmanship of the US Naval Academy Alumni Association Board of Trustees, representing about 55,000 living graduates. He is also on the Board of the National Navy UDT/SEAL Museum.