

Biography of Malcolm W. Nance



Malcolm Wrightson Nance is a former career US Naval Cryptologic Intelligence senior enlisted specializing in cryptology, counter-terrorism, intelligence and information warfare. He has served as a civilian advisor for the U.S. government's Special Operations, Homeland Security and Intelligence agencies. An Arabic-speaking special intelligence collections operator, field interrogator he provided top secret anti & counter-terrorism support to national intelligence agencies while on numerous collections and combat operations in the Balkans, Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa.

Mr. Nance comes from a long line of military service members in an unbroken chain from the civil war until today. His father was a Master Chief Petty Officer Boiler Technician. He is one of six sons that served in the Navy. He was born in Philadelphia 1961 at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital.

Mr. Nance attended West Philadelphia Catholic boys' high school. When he graduated, he entered naval service with the intention of staying just four years – he stayed for twenty. In the Navy he became a cryptologic technician, interpretive (CTI). Throughout his career as an intelligence collector, he was involved and/or survived many naval and ground combat actions in the counterterrorism wars between 1983, in Beirut and up until the war on terror. He conducted intelligence operations in many Middle Eastern, North African and South Asian countries including combat operations against Iran. He retired honorably after being assigned as an instructor at the US Navy Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) school in Coronado, California where he ran the Advanced Terrorism, Abduction and Hostage Survival school. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Arabic from Excelsior College. On the morning of September 11, 2001, he was a first responder to the Pentagon attack.

Mr. Nance is author of several professional counterterrorism intelligence books and textbooks including *The Terrorist Recognition Handbook*; *The Terrorists of Iraq*; *An End to al-Qaeda*; the New York Times Bestseller *Defeating ISIS and Hacking ISIS: Inside the War Against the Cyber Jihad*.

