

## **RICHARD D. WEST**

Rear Admiral Richard "Dick" D. West (USN, Ret) served as President and CEO of the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education (CORE)/Ocean Leadership from 2002-2008. As President of this DC-based non-profit organization, he led efforts to promote ocean research and education within the U.S. federal government on behalf of the academic and private ocean research community. He has testified before the U.S. Congress on marine related policy issues and has addressed the United Nations on Safety of Life at Sea. Admiral West was also actively involved in three congressionally-mandated Federal Advisory Committees. He was a founding member of the Hydrographic Services Review Panel for two terms from 2003-11, a member of a federal investment in research review team and a member and past Chairman of the National Sea Grant College Program Advisory Board. He co-Chaired a U.S. Navy navigation accident review panel in 2012, Chaired a review of a NSF program and co-Chaired an independent review of NOAA's fleet. He is a Board member of the Center for Coastal Studies, Provincetown, Massachusetts, serves on the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography Dean's Advisory Council, on the U of Connecticut Sea Grant Program and a founding Board member of a charter high school. He helped establish the Sampson Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in upstate New York and serves on the committee to bring the Viet Nam Traveling Memorial Wall to upstate New York in 2017.

Admiral West retired from the US Navy in 2002. He served as Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy providing oceanographic, meteorological, geospatial and navigation support to the U.S. Navy, from 1999 to 2002. As the first Navigator of the Navy, he led the Navy's transition to electronic navigation. As Oceanographer of the Navy, he was the Department of Defense

representative to the U.S. Ocean Commission. Admiral West was a career Surface Warfare Officer serving on several ships and senior staffs in Washington DC and overseas. Admiral West served in Vietnam with the riverine forces and was Commanding Officer of three ships, two during hostilities in the Persian Gulf. He also served as Commanding Officer of the US Navy's Surface Warfare Officers School, Newport, RI, where all US Navy officers going to sea, from Division Officer to Commanding Officer, are trained.