

Paul J. Ryan
Rear Admiral (ret.), U. S. Navy

Rear Admiral Ryan was raised in Yonkers, N.Y. and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1973.

A career submariner, he served his division officer tour on *USS Sam Rayburn* (SSBN 635) (GOLD), Engineer on *USS Tullibee* (SSN 597), Navigator and Operations officer on *USS Groton* (SSN 694), and Executive Officer on *USS Boston* (SSN 703).

Rear Admiral Ryan commanded *USS Philadelphia* (SSN 690) from 1989 to 1992, completing three major deployments, including participation in *Operation Desert Storm*. During his command tour *USS Philadelphia* was awarded two Meritorious Unit Commendations, the Battle Efficiency "E", and the Golden Anchor Award.

Shore tours included Naval Postgraduate School, Defense Language Institute, the Secretary of the Navy's staff, multiple tours on the OPNAV Staff, and assignments in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Joint Staff.

Rear Admiral Ryan also commanded the submarine tender *USS L. Y. Spear* (AS 36). In August 2000, Rear Admiral Ryan assumed his first flag assignment as Director, Warfare Programs and Readiness (N8) on the staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. In February 2002 he assumed command of Mine Warfare Command in Corpus Christi, TX, where he was responsible for the deployment of mine warfare forces in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Rear Admiral Ryan retired in December 2003 and is a Vice President at Whitney, Bradley and Brown Consulting in Reston, VA..

Rear Admiral Ryan's awards include: the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with four Gold Stars, Meritorious Service Medal with four Gold Stars, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with one Gold Star, Navy Achievement Medal, plus numerous unit and campaign ribbons.

