

Rear Admiral William H. Wright, IV United States Navy

A native of Denver, Colorado, Rear Admiral Wright graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June 1964. His first assignment was aboard USS COCHRANE (DDG-21) followed by a two-year tour as Operations Officer aboard USS ARNOLD J. ISBELL (DDG-869).

In August 1969, he assumed command of USS WOODPECKER (MSC-209), homeported in Sasebo, Japan. Following Naval Postgraduate School, where he received a Master's Degree in Operations Research, he served as Aide and Flag Secretary to Commander, Carrier Group 5. This led to an Executive Officer tour on USS ALBERT DAVID (FF-1050). In June, 1976, Rear Admiral Wright was assigned to the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency where he served as Executive Secretary to the U.S. SALT Delegation in Geneva.

Between January 1978 and June 1980, he was assigned as Assistant Branch Head, International Negotiations Branch on the Navy Staff.

Rear Admiral Wright served as the Commissioning Commanding Officer of USS ANTRIM (FFG-20). While he was in command, the ship conducted operations in the Pacific, Atlantic and Caribbean Theaters before completing a deployment to the Mediterranean and Persian Gulf in 1983. After attending the Post-Command Course at the Naval War College, he joined the National Security Council (NSC) Staff as Director of Defense Programs. Following this tour, he served as Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay and as Commander, Destroyer Squadron 20, homeported in Charleston, South Carolina.

In August 1990, Rear Admiral Wright was selected as a CNO Fellow with the Strategic Studies Group. Following his tour with the SSG, he was assigned to the OPNAV Staff as Director, Operations, Plans and Politico-Military Affairs Division (N31/52) from August 1991 until June 1993. Rear Admiral Wright assumed duties as Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 12 and Commander SARATOGA Battle Group in August 1993.

Rear Admiral Wright's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two gold stars), Meritorious Service Medal (one gold star), Navy Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and Presidential Service Badge. Rear Admiral Wright is married to the former Jeannie Fulton of Las Vegas, Nevada. They have three children, Kimberly, Wende and William.

