



## **Rear Admiral John F. Paddock, Jr., USN (Retired)**

Rear Admiral John F. Paddock, Jr., a native of New York's Finger Lakes region, enlisted in the Navy Reserve in 1964 and earned his commission as Ensign through the Reserve Officer Candidate program upon graduating from Syracuse University in 1966 with a BA, Mathematics. He served on active duty for fourteen continuous years, with duty on board five combatant ships, a fleet oiler, minesweeper, destroyer, guided missile destroyer, and frigate. Ashore he earned a Master of Science, Operations Research, from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1975 and served as strategic analyst on the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel (OP-00K) in Washington, D.C.

Leaving active duty and rejoining the Navy Reserve in 1980, Rear Admiral Paddock commanded various units. His active service periods included duty with the Chief of Naval Operations, Commander Naval Reserve Force, Commander in Chief U.S. Naval Forces Europe, Commander Naval Surface Force Atlantic, Commander U.S. Second Fleet / NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic, NATO Commander in Chief Eastern Atlantic, Naval War College, Commander in Chief U.S. Naval Forces Central Command / Commander Fifth Fleet, and Commander in Chief U.S. European Command. He was Deputy Commander on a number of Joint Task Force exercises in Europe for Marine and Air Force core joint headquarters staffs. From 1980 – 1993, he served as a Naval Academy Information, or "Blue & Gold", Officer (Affiliate).

Rear Admiral Paddock's initial Reserve Component Flag assignment was Deputy Commander, Combat Logistics Group Two. He then served as Deputy for Total Force Readiness, Surface and Expeditionary Warfare, OPNAV N86TF, and subsequently as Battle Staff Director, heading the Crisis Action Team, at U.S. European Command Headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany during crises in Bosnia and Africa. He was Commander Naval Reserve Readiness Command Region Two and a member of the Naval Surface Reserve Force Executive Steering Committee and the Joint Military Intelligence College Senior Officer Advisory Panel. He chaired the Commander Navy Reserve Force Policy Board in 1996 and Secretary of the Navy National Navy Reserve Policy Board 1997-98. In 1997, Rear Admiral Paddock was recalled to active duty to serve in Portugal as Deputy Commander & Chief of Staff to NATO's Commander in Chief Iberian Area Atlantic, the first Reservist ever assigned to an operational level Combined Joint Flag post, continuing as Chief of Staff when the command was upgraded to NATO Regional Command, SOUTHFLANT

Rear Admiral Paddock retired from the Navy 1 April 2001. His personal awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Gold Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal as well as the New York State Meritorious Service Medal as Special Advisor to Commander, New York Naval Militia.

In his civilian career, Rear Admiral Paddock managed various combat system projects for Lockheed Martin Electronics Systems in Syracuse, New York from 1980 through 1997 and returned to Lockheed in January 2001 after his three-year active duty tour with NATO. Retiring from Lockheed Martin in December 2004, he formed a defense and homeland security systems acquisition consulting business, Advance Concept Consulting LLC. He is a member of numerous professional and military associations. Rear Admiral Paddock chaired the New York Naval Militia Retired Flag Officer Advisory Council for The Adjutant General NY through 2007 and is past Chair, New York Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve - Central Area. He is Chair - Onondaga County Executive's Veterans Service Advisory Board, and Co-founder & Vice President - Honor Flight Syracuse. He has served as a member of Naval Academy Advisory Board for the 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District New York and as member of the Service Academy Advisory Board for Senator Gillibrand. Most recently Onondaga County Veterans Council recognized him as 2014 Distinguished Veteran of the Year.