



## **The Honorable John Scott Redd**

### **Vice Admiral, United States Navy (Ret.)**

Vice Admiral (VADM) Scott Redd has led ten organizations in government and the private sector as a Commander / CEO. In forty years of public service, he launched two organizations critical to US national security: The U. S. Navy's FIFTH fleet in the Middle East and the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) in Washington, D.C.

In January, 2009, President George W. Bush awarded Admiral Redd the National Security Medal for his lifetime of service to the nation. He was the 60<sup>rd</sup> recipient in the 56-year history of the award, a list which includes the founders of the WWII Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and the FBI as well as a U.S. President and two Secretaries of Defense. In March of 2013, VADM Redd was honored as the 62<sup>nd</sup> recipient of the U. S. Naval Academy's Distinguished Graduate Award. ( <https://vimeo.com/69115002> )

From 2005 to 2007, Admiral Redd served as the first Senate-confirmed Director of NCTC, a presidential appointee with the rank equivalent to that of a Deputy Cabinet / Military Service Secretary. In that capacity, he was responsible to President Bush for integrating all instruments of U. S. national power into the nation's first war plan for the global war on terror. He was also responsible to the Director of National Intelligence for leading the U. S. Government's efforts in analyzing and integrating all terrorism intelligence, foreign and domestic. For this service he was awarded the Intelligence Community's highest award, the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal.

From 2004 to 2005, VADM Redd served as Executive Director for the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (the Silberman-Robb "WMD Commission"). The Commission's report was adopted as the President's blueprint for implementation of Intelligence Community reform.

Prior to being called back to Washington, VADM Redd served briefly as Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Baghdad, Iraq, one of two deputies to AMB L. Paul Bremer.

Following retirement from the Navy in 1998, Admiral Redd served as Chairman and CEO of NetSchools Corp., a high-tech start-up company with offices in Silicon Valley and Atlanta. In this capacity, he led the education technology company through two venture capital funding rounds, tripled revenue and managed its successful sale in 2002.

During his 36 years in uniform he commanded eight operational organizations at sea and served in several senior staff positions in the Pentagon. His last assignment on active duty was as Director of Strategic Plans and Policy (DJ-5) on the Joint Staff. As DJ-5, he guided the development of a new National Military Strategy (NMS) and represented the military at White House National Security Council (NSC) meetings.

In 1995, VADM Redd proposed, founded and commanded the first new U S Navy fleet in half a century, serving as the first Commander FIFTH Fleet (COMFIFTHFLT) since the World War II era.

Admiral Redd's military awards include three Defense and two Navy Distinguished Service Medals, the highest non-combat awards for joint and naval service. He also wears the Order of Bahrain.

A native of Sidney, Iowa, VADM Redd graduated with leadership and academic honors from the United States Naval Academy in the class of 1966 (2 of 869), majoring in mathematics and physics. Following graduation, he studied as a Fulbright Scholar in Uruguay and as a Burke Scholar, receiving a Master of Science degree in Operations Analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School. He also attended the Program for Senior Executives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

VADM Redd serves as President of his Naval Academy Class and has served on the board of several corporations and non-profit organizations, including the Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) and the U. S. Naval Academy Alumni Association. An avid amateur radio operator, VADM Redd has won twelve world championships, seven national championships and is a member of the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. He was one of the first two operators to win all six major world championships.

VADM Redd is married to Donna, his bride of almost 53 years. They have three married children and ten grandchildren.