

## **RADM George Meinig, USN (Retired)**

graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1958 and earned a Masters Degree in Materials Science at the Navy Postgraduate School, Monterey, in 1965. He served in amphibious ships, destroyers, and cruisers, including command of USS CLARION RIVER (LSMR-409) during Vietnam combat operations. Selection for Weapons Engineering Duty in 1969, while serving as Weapons Officer, USS TRUXTON (DLGN-35), led to shore duty at COMOPTEVFOR as Head of Surface Missile Systems. After reporting to Naval Sea Systems Command in 1974, he served as Phalanx Close-In-Weapon-System Major Program Manager, and later as Aegis Shipbuilding Technical Director and Major Program Manager for the Aegis Weapon System. After selection for Flag rank in 1986, he became Assistant Deputy Commander for Surface, Anti-Air, and Electronic Warfare Systems, then Deputy Commander for Weapons and Combat Systems, and finally stood up and commanded the Naval Surface Warfare Center.



RADM Meinig has extensive hands-on experience engineering and managing complex air defense systems. He performed as chief executive of a large research, engineering, and industrial enterprise, with proven skills in organization, planning, engineering development, overhead reduction, productivity improvement, and communications. He established headquarters staff and reorganized 11 geographically distributed research, engineering, and industrial activities. He increased productivity and reduced overhead across a \$4 billion business base involving 22,500 people. As the responsible USN Flag Officer and International Steering Committee Chairman, he revitalized the 13 nation NATO Seasparrow consortium for major system production by introducing progressive thinking and planning for future technology insertion opportunities, including missile upgrades and greater combat system integration. As Program Director and Steering Committee Chairman, RADM Meinig led the US-German Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM) Program engineering development, operational testing, and early production of system and missile. He initiated RAM upgrades to maintain pace with the threat and coordinated national positions to sustain program funding. As Aegis Technical Director, he managed the engineering development of the Aegis Weapon System and Combat System and their integration into Aegis Cruisers and Destroyers. He initiated and executed iterative upgrades and baseline changes to pace the threat. As Phalanx Program Manager, RADM Meinig took a revolutionary concept for a terminal defense autonomous radar and gun system through early development, exhaustive testing, and initial production in less than four years. Over 800 Phalanx Systems are operational in the USN and many allied navies today.

Subsequent to retirement from the Navy in 1993, RADM Meinig served as consultant to Navy and industry, with consistent focus as Senior Advisor to the Navy Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System program, and leader of the Senior Advisory Team for the past several years.