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Since 1993, Vice Admiral Williams has served as a private consultant in advanced warfare systems to both industry and government. In addition to several defense companies, he is currently a consultant to the Defense Science Board, MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Office of Naval Research (ONR). He is also serving on the MIT Lincoln Laboratory Advisory Board, Ballistic Missile Defense Office Advisory Committee and is a Senior Advisor to the Global Wargames conducted at the Naval War College. VADM Williams has participated in four recent Defense Science Board Summer Studies (Cruise Missile Defense, Technology Investments for 21st Century Military Superiority, Technology and Tactics for 21st Century Military Superiority, and Underwriting Joint Vision 2010 and Beyond).



He retired with the rank of Vice Admiral in 1992 having served 45 years of distinguished service. From 1990-1992, VADM Williams served as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Naval Warfare where he was responsible for advising the Chief of Naval Operations and Secretary of the Navy. It was during this period that VADM Williams obtained funding for and convinced the Navy to enter the Theater Ballistic Missile Defense arena. He initiated the advanced Tomahawk land attack cruise missile development and was instrumental in saving CEC (Cooperative Engagement Capability).

Previously, he served as Commander of the U.S. SIXTH Fleet & Commander, NATO Striking Force Southern Europe. He commanded the U.S. SIXTH Fleet that was composed of 25-30 ships, 100-200 aircraft, 20,000 personnel, and a large support establishment operating throughout the Mediterranean Sea. VADM Williams started his Naval career as a staff assistant to Admiral H. G. Rickover for enlisted personnel and training and oversaw the education and training of personnel for the joint Navy / Department of Energy, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program. He also served on a destroyer, two Nuclear Attack submarines, a Ballistic Missile submarine, and various U.S. Navy commands involving operational staffs.

Vice Admiral Williams graduated with honors from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. He also attended the U.S. Navy Submarine School and U.S. Navy Nuclear Power Training Courses (consisting of graduate level training in Nuclear Engineering). He currently lives in Arlington, VA.