

## Richard W. Schneider



RADM Richard Schneider was born in Queens New York, grew up in New England and New Jersey and graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1968. He served 8 1/2 years on active duty, including one year in Vietnam aboard the High Endurance Cutter, USCGC DALLAS. Due to a family medical issue, he resigned his Regular Commission and accepted a Reserve Commission in 1976. He went on to complete 30 years combined service retiring from the Coast Guard Reserve as a Rear Admiral.

His active duty assignments included service aboard USCGC DALLAS, as Chief of the navigation section at Officer Candidate School, two years of duty under instruction receiving a Master's degree in Liberal Studies from Wesleyan University, and 3 1/2 years, teaching physics at the Coast Guard Academy and serving as the Assistant Dean of Academics. His Reserve career included numerous Reserve Commanding Officer assignments at Search and Rescue units, Reserve Groups, and at large bases such as the Port of Philadelphia and Port of New York. He was selected for Flag and served four years in the Atlantic Area Headquarters.

After resigning his Regular Commission in Dec 1976, he served for 10 years as the Executive Officer of the College of Marine Studies at the University of Delaware, where he was awarded his Ph.D. from the College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy. From 1986 through 1992 he served at Drexel University in several senior administrative positions including Vice President of Research {1986-1990}, Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs {1987-1989}, and Senior VP for Administration (1990-1992). He was selected to be the 23rd President of Norwich University in 1992 and served in that capacity for 28 years before retiring in May 2020. Today he works as a consultant specializing his practice in governance issues and presidential performance in the Higher Education sector. He also serves on several nonprofit organizations' Boards.

His most significant awards include The Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, Coast Guard Civilian Distinguished Service, Vermont Citizen of the Year, Distinguished Alumni awards from the USCG Academy, Wesleyan University and University of Delaware. Honorary Doctorate Degree from Norwich University and the naming of a large teaching building in his honor at Norwich University.

He resides in Vermont with his wife, continues to serve as a team chair for accreditation visits to Colleges and Universities for NECHE, serves on three nonprofit Boards, and consults part-time. He enjoys boating and skiing and spending time with his 15 grandchildren.