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During his career as a naval aviator and amphibious/expeditionary warfare specialist, he completed a wide array of operational assignments in all five Navy fleets. After completing a tour as Test Director in the LAMPS Mk III helicopter Program Office, he was one of a small cadre of officers who stood up the Navy's first LAMPS Mk III squadron, HSL-41. His operational assignments culminated in commanding officer tours of HSL-43, the Navy's first operational LAMPS Mk III squadron; HSL-41, the LAMPS Mk III Fleet Replacement Squadron; USS *Cleveland* (LPD-7); and Amphibious Squadron Seven. His last operational assignment spanned five years as Chief of Staff for Cruiser-Destroyer Group Three, during which he made combat deployments to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf embarked in the USS *Carl Vinson* and USS *Abraham Lincoln*. During his last three years on active-duty he was also the leader of the first United States delegation for navy-to-navy talks with the People's Liberation Army-Navy under the auspices of the Military Maritime Consultative Agreement, the naval component of the omnibus Sino-U.S. military to military engagement program. He led four rounds of talks in Beijing, Qingdao, San Diego and Honolulu and produced the first capstone memorandum of understanding for safe navigation and communications between the two navies during operations at sea.

Subsequent to his Navy career and immediately prior to joining SSC Pacific, he was a Senior Advisor with the Center for Security Strategy and Operations where he was involved in Navy and Marine Corps policy formulation and writing of policy documents for the Department of the Navy.

He has published more than one hundred articles in professional journals and newspapers, including *Sloan Management Review*, *The American Journal of International Law*, *MIT Management*, *Harvard International Review*, *Ocean Development and International Law*, *Strategic Review*, *Naval Institute Proceedings*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Naval War College Review*, and *Ocean and Coastal Management*. He writes a regular column for *Naval Institute Proceedings*, *Shipmate*, and *Rotor Review* magazines, and has published two books on the law of the sea, *The United States and the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention: The Cases Pro and Con* and *Beyond the Law of the Sea: New Directions for United States Oceans Policy*, a definite study on the history of combat search and rescue entitled, *Leave No Man Behind*, and two novels, *The Coronado Conspiracy*, and *For Duty and Honor*. He has received several publishing awards, including the Navy League of the United States Alfred Thayer Mahan Award for Literary Achievement. He has created a comprehensive body of work on the law of the sea, and has been an invited speaker on the subject in a wide array of venues, including the United States Pacific Command Military Operations and Law Symposium, the Canadian National Defense Headquarters, the Asia-Pacific Center, to the Webb Maritime Institute, and the Universities of Hawaii, San Diego, and Qingdao.

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