

VICE ADMIRAL KEVIN J. COSGRIFF UNITED STATES NAVY (RETIRED)



As Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, Vice Admiral Cosgriff oversaw all naval combat, combat support, and maritime security operations throughout the Middle East and Southwest Asia area, including Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. He simultaneously commanded the U.S. Fifth Fleet and the Combined Maritime Forces, the latter comprised of ships and aircraft from over twenty contributing nations. He fashioned an operational approach to provide successful multi-lateral maritime security in this energy-rich area covering three vital waterways and some two and a half million square miles of sea space. Working with U.S. Ambassadors and local leaders, he led efforts to enhance the capability and capacity of regional navies and coast guards. Through frequent direct personal interaction with Rulers, Ministers and Heads of militaries and navies, he forged strong relationships between the U.S. Navy and these important countries.

Vice Admiral Cosgriff was the Deputy Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia. He served as Director for Warfare Analysis and Integration for the Chief of Naval Operations, and was the Director, Office of Program Appraisal for the Secretary of the Navy. During the Clinton Administration, Vice Admiral Cosgriff served as Director, White House Situation Room and Director of Systems and Technical Planning for the National Security Council.

Vice Admiral Cosgriff served as Executive Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Navy, and previously was Deputy Director of the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel. He was Assistant Director for House of Representatives Liaison in the Office of Legislative Affairs and before that he served as Executive Assistant to Navy's Director of Strategy and Policy. He was also an analyst at the Defense Intelligence Agency/National Military Intelligence Center.

Vice Admiral Cosgriff commanded Cruiser Destroyer Group 8/*Theodore Roosevelt* Battle Group. He commanded USS *Robert G Bradley* (FFG 49) and later commanded Destroyer Squadron 32. His executive officer tour was in USS *Arthur W. Radford* (DD 968). He served in the guided missile destroyer USS *Sampson*, was engineer officer of USS *Fanning* (FF 1076) and materiel officer at Commander, Destroyer Group 13. Vice Admiral Cosgriff's first tour in the Navy was in the commissioning crew of USS *Wabash* (AOR 5).

Vice Admiral Kevin J. Cosgriff graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y. and began active duty with the Navy directly thereafter. He was among the first to receive a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the National Defense Intelligence College. He also earned the Naval War College Foundation Award for Outstanding Performance. He is an alumnus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI Program.