

Vic Addison recently retired from the Navy as a Captain after 30 years of loyal service. Originally from Massapequa, NY, Vic has had at least three distinct career paths. After graduating from the State University of New York at Stony Brook with a degree in biology and commissioning via OCS, he was selected as a Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Strategic Weapons System Officer—a now extinct species— completed seven patrols during the Cold War. He completed a Masters Degree in Physical Oceanography at Naval Postgraduate School and became a Navy Oceanographer, ultimately completing his major command tour at Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center in Monterey—a supercomputer reachback center. He also received a Masters Degree from Naval War College and caught the pol-mil/strategy bug. He was a “plankowner” in the original Deep Blue (a CNO concept group), started up the NAVCENT/FIFTH Fleet Regional Engagement Program while serving as Deputy Operations Officer, and was the Director of Operations for the recovery of our Embassy in Nairobi following the 1998 terrorist attack. Vic has two OPNAV tours under his belt—so he knows how Navy sausage is made—and was also selected as the 2010 U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings Author of the Year for his series of articles on naval strategy.