

Vice Admiral Kenneth Carr  
USS Nautilus, Chairman USNRC

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***"USS Nautilus: Celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the First Nuclear Submarine"***

Vice Admiral Carr will tell us about his experiences on board of the USS Nautilus, the first Nuclear Submarine, which this year celebrates her 50th anniversary. Admiral Carr brings a special perspective in that he served on the USS Nautilus during the pre-commissioning, the maiden voyage, and the polar crossing.

VADM Carr joined the Navy as a seaman during the Second World War. He was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy as a member of the Class of 1949. After graduation, he served as Assistant Gunnery Officer of USS EVERSOLE (GD 789) and then entered Submarine School in New London, Connecticut in 1950.

In 1953, following service on diesel submarines, he was assigned to the pre-commissioning detail at USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571) and was a member of her commissioning crew as Gunnery Officer. With the exception of a twelve month period from June 1956 to May 1957 when he attended Nuclear Power Training, Vice Admiral Carr served in NAUTILUS until December 1960 in various capacities. He was Electrical Officer during the 1958 Polar crossing and served as her Engineer Officer throughout her first overhaul, (the first overhaul of a nuclear powered ship) in 1960.

Following his service on the Nautilus, Vice Admiral Carr served as Executive Officer and later as a Commanding Officer on both fast-attack and ballistic missile submarines. He then served a variety of assignments with his last assignment being that of Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command and U.S. Atlantic Fleet. . VADM Carr retired from the US Navy in May 1985.

In 1986 Vice Admiral Carr was appointed Commissioner with the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and in 1989 he became the Chairman of the US NRC. VADM Carr retired from the NRC in 1991. VADM Carr has served and serves in several Board of Directors, such as Arizona Public Service Company, MDM Services Corporation and MDM Advisory Board.

Vice Admiral Carr is married to Molly Pace of Burkesville, Kentucky.

Vice Admiral Carr's decorations include among others, two Defense Distinguished Service Medals; Distinguished Service Medal; Defense Superior Service Medal: Legion of Merit with one Gold Star; Meritorious Service Medal; Presidential Unit Commendation; Navy Unit Commendation: Meritorious Unit Commendation; American Campaign: Asiatic and Pacific Campaign with two Engagement Stars; World War II Victory Medal: National Defense with one Bronze Star; Korean Service; Korean Presidential; and United Nations Service.