



Rear Admiral (lower half) Michael A. Sharp
United States Navy
VICE COMMANDER

Rear Admiral Michael A. Sharp, a native of Portland, Oregon, graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering in December 1974. Additionally, he earned a Master of Science degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in June 1981 and is a 1999 graduate of the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School. In February 1975 he reported to USS SWORDFISH (SSN 579) where he served in various divisions in the Engineering department and as Weapons Officer. After an assignment as the Training Officer at Submarine Group Five, Rear Admiral Sharp reported to USS HAWKBILL (SSN 666) where he served as Engineer Officer.

In February 1984, he reported to the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board on the staff of CINCPACFLT. Rear Admiral Sharp reported to the USS SWORDFISH (SSN 579) as Executive Officer in May 1986 and then in May 1988, he reported to Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet as the Force Nuclear Power Officer.

Rear Admiral Sharp reported as Commanding Officer of USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711) in March 1991, where he completed an extended Western Pacific deployment.

Following his command tour, Rear Admiral Sharp was designated as an Acquisition Professional and was assigned to the USS SEAWOLF Combat System Program Manager as Assistant Program Manager for Operability in October 1993. While in this assignment, Rear Admiral Sharp also served as the AN/BQG-5 Wide Aperture Array Program Manager and as the USS SEAWOLF Ship Control System Program Manager. After completing the Defense Systems Management College Program Manager's course in November 1995, he was assigned duties as the Deputy, Direct Reporting Program Manager (Advanced Technology). Upon completion of the Defense Systems Management College Executive Program Manager's Course in May 1997, Rear Admiral Sharp served as the Advanced Tactical Data Links Program Manager (PMW 159) until August 1998. He then served as the Submarine Communications Program Manager (PMW 173) until September 2000. After a short time as the SPAWAR Chief Engineer, Rear Admiral Sharp reported in January 2001 as the Program Executive Officer for Mine and Undersea Warfare in Washington, DC. In December 2002, the Chief of Naval Operations announced his assignment as the Vice Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command.

Rear Admiral Sharp is entitled to wear the Legion of Merit with one Gold Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Gold Stars, the Navy Commendation Medal with two Gold Stars, and the Navy Achievement Medal with two Gold Stars.