

P. W. "WICK" PARCELLS
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy (Retired)

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Rear Admiral Parcels has been a resident of Virginia Beach for more than thirty-two years. Following graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 1960 he served in various aircraft squadrons, ships and staffs. He was the Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO, the USS GUADALCANAL (LPH-7), and the first Commanding Officer of the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71). He also served as the F-14 Aircraft Program Manager, and as Personal Aide to the CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering and is a graduate of the United States Navy Test Pilot School.

After being selected for Rear Admiral, he served in two positions in the Office of Secretary of Defense: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. Following those assignments he was posted as the Commander TACTICAL WINGS ATLANTIC and later as Commander TACTICAL WINGS PACIFIC. His last active duty assignment was as Deputy Commander U. S. Naval Forces CENTRAL COMMAND and FIFTH FLEET.

Included in his numerous awards and decorations are the DEFENSE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL, the NAVY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL, three LEGIONS OF MERIT, five AIR MEDALS, and the JOHN PAUL JONES AWARD for "Inspirational Leadership" from the Navy League of the United States.

Following retirement from the U. S. Navy, he was the Vice President of a Northern Virginia systems integration firm. Most recently he was the Executive Director of The First Tee of Virginia Beach and was responsible for the organization and construction of The First Tee golf course and building complex.

His current and former memberships and activities have included: The First Tee of Hampton Roads YMCA (Vice Chairman), The Theodore Roosevelt Association (VP), Hampton Roads Naval Historical Foundation (Director), Society of Experimental Test Pilots, Princess Anne Country Club, and the New York Yacht Club.

Admiral Parcels is married to the former Priscilla Gail Frey of Baltimore, Maryland. They have two adult children and three grandchildren who reside in Virginia Beach.