

# TERRY McKnight

## Rear Admiral Terence McKnight, USN (RET)



Terry McKnight is the author of *Pirate Alley: Commanding Task Force 151 off Somalia*.

A native of Norfolk, Virginia, Admiral McKnight graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in May 1978 and completed his master's degree in International Relations at Salve Regina University in May 1998. Moreover, he graduated from the U.S. Army War College in 1994 and also attended the National Security Seminar at Syracuse University in 2001.

He commanded USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41) from January 1995 until November 1996 and USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) from July 2002 until December 2003.

McKnight also served as the 85th commandant of Naval District Washington, the oldest continuously operated Navy installation in the nation and the deputy commander, Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region.

He assumed duties as Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 2, in September 2007 and served as the first Commander of Task Force 151 for counter-piracy operations in January 2009.

Personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, as well as various other unit awards and decorations.

On his retirement from the Navy in 2009, he joined Cobham, a defense firm, and holds the position of Vice President, Government Relations. He also sits of the boards of the Navy League of the United States and the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs.

He resides in northern Virginia with his wife, Lisa. They have two children, T and Tyler.

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