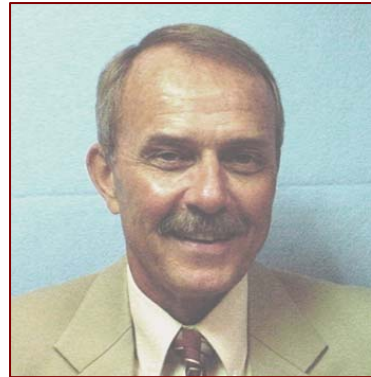


David S. Belz, RADM, USCG (Ret)

Rear Admiral David S. Belz retired from active duty on 1 November 2004. He joined BAE Systems, one of the Nation's top defense contractors, upon his retirement. He is currently serving as Vice President for Strategic Programs for BAE Information Technology (BAE IT) located in McLean, VA. In this assignment, he is focused on synchronizing key unmet BAE customer mission requirements with the wide array of BAE Systems' capabilities. Prior to this assignment Dave served as the General Manager for BAE IT's Defense Group which delivered high end information technology solutions including secure cross domain systems, information assurance solutions, secure wireless networks and full IT support services. Prior to that, Dave served as Vice President for Navy and Joint Operations within the Defense Solutions Group at BAE IT.



In his last active duty assignment, he served as the Coast Guard's Assistant Commandant for Operations from July 2002 to July 2004. There his responsibilities included oversight of a wide range of Coast Guard missions essential to national security and public safety, and bridging the seam between Homeland Security and Homeland Defense. His specific mission program responsibilities included: Maritime Safety, Law Enforcement and National Defense. Maritime Safety programs included all federal aids to navigation, search and rescue, recreational boating safety, and ice breaking. Law Enforcement duties encompassed illegal drug and migrant smuggling, living marine resource protection and enforcement of federal law on U.S. navigable waters. His National Defense responsibilities included all Coast Guard support to the Department of Defense. He had reported to Coast Guard Headquarters (CGHQ) after a two-year command tour at the Joint Interagency Task Force in Key West, FL, the counter narcotics component of U.S. Southern Command.

Rear Admiral Belz is a career Coast Guard aviator and aeronautical engineer who amassed over 4400 flight hours in a wide array of fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft. In the summer of 1991 his aviation career culminated with a three-year assignment as Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point Hawaii. Prior to that command, Rear Admiral Belz served in a variety of operational assignments as search and rescue pilot, instructor pilot and aviation engineering officer at various Coast Guard Air Stations included extended deployments aboard icebreakers to the Arctic and Antarctic regions. From June 1998 to June 2000, he served as Commander/Director, JIATF West, a joint component of U.S. Pacific Command.

Admiral Belz' staff assignments included Deputy Chief of Staff at CGHQ; Chief, Resource Management Staff; Chief, Aeronautical Engineering Division; and Assistant Chief, Programs Division within the Office of the Chief of Staff.

His personal decorations include the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, the French Legion of Honor and two significant awards from the Government of Columbia.

Admiral Belz is a 1970 graduate of the US Coast Guard Academy and a 1988 Sloan Fellow with Master of Science degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He holds additional Master of Science degrees from the University of West Florida and Purdue University, graduating from Purdue as a Krannert Scholar in 1981. His wife Jan is a native of Mobile, AL. They have two daughters, Christie and Jessica, and two grandchildren.