

RADM Marke R. Shelley, USNR (Ret)

Rear Admiral Shelley graduated in 1971 from the University of Idaho with a degree in architecture. Upon his commissioning through NROTC he attended Damage Control Assistant School at Philadelphia before serving as Repair Officer aboard USS WASP (CVS-18) and later as Damage Control Assistant aboard USS DYESS (DD-880).

Following his two years of initial active duty he pursued a dynamic Naval Reserve career involving several periods of active duty. Fashioning his career upon that of an active duty afloat officer he served as division officer, department head, executive officer, commanding officer, division commander and group commander. While commanding both "at sea" and ashore commissioned units he served in a wide variety of command positions on twelve separate occasions.

Following his initial release from active duty he worked in various construction industry positions, qualifying as a licensed architect in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. While in Australia, serving as a Reservist he attended the Small Ships Command Course with the Royal Australian Naval Reserve from 1975-1976.

Returning to the United States he continued his professional work and attended the University of Illinois, earning a Master of Architecture degree in 1980. During this period he served in a variety of Naval Reserve positions including assignments to USS HIGBEE (DD-806) 1977-1979; USS PLEDGE (MSO-492) 1980-1982; USS FIFE (DD-991) 1982-1984; and USS DUNCAN (FFG-10) 1985-1986. In 1986 he returned to active duty and attended the Naval War College graduating in June of 1987, with a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. From 1990 through 1994 he served as adjunct professor, teaching the Joint Military Operations course for the Naval War College's non-resident program in Seattle.

Returning to Seattle in 1987 he qualified as a licensed architect in the State of Washington and served as Officer-in-Charge for the augmentation unit attached to Mine Group One before assuming command of Mine Division Five One where he served from 1988-1991. He then served as Commanding Officer, Readiness Unit 2208, 1992-1994; Commanding Officer, Augmentation Detachment 322, Commander in Chief Pacific staff, 1995-1996; and Commanding Officer and Executive Officer, Harbor Defense Command Unit 113, 1996-98.

In 1998 he was promoted to Rear Admiral. His Naval Reserve flag assignments include Mobilization Commander, Military Sealift Command Pacific and Far East, Deputy Commander, Maritime Defense Zone Pacific and U.S. Harbor Defense Command, Korea (CTG 778.4).

Throughout his career Rear Admiral Shelley accepted various recalls to active duty across a wide spectrum of work environments including Mine Countermeasure (MCM) Plans Officer, Maritime Defense Zone Pacific, 1988; MCM Operations Officer and MCM Group Commander, Joint Task Force Middle East in Bahrain, 1989-1990; Team Chief for the European Command's Military Liaison Team in Bucharest, Romania, 1994-1995; Director, European Command Mobilization and Reserve Affairs, 1999; Deputy Commander, Military Sealift Command in Washington, DC, 1999-2001, and Deputy for Maritime Homeland Security Plans and Operations, Coast Guard Pacific Area Command and Maritime Defense Zone Pacific, 01-02.

Rear Admiral Shelley's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Joint Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Rear Admiral Shelley retired from the Naval Reserve in June of 2002 and established Pacific View Consulting where he has supported a wide variety of maritime and defense related projects while also pursuing independent research and writing.

USS FIREDRAKE AE-14

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BANQUET PROGRAM

OCTOBER 5, 2007
RED LION INN at the QUAY
VANCOUVER, WA

USS FIREDRAKE AE-14 REUNION
October 5, 2007

FLAG CEREMONY on PATIO DECK
American Legion Post Smith-Reynolds Post No. 14

Retire to Banquet Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

TWO BELL CEREMONY

POW/MIA PLACE OF HONOR

PLEASE BE SEATED

WELCOME

BANQUET SERVED

Your pre-selected choice of ***Lobster Stuffed Hazelnut Halibut*** baked golden and served with Frangelico butter sauce ***or Char Grilled Top Sirloin Steak*** Lightly marinated and seasoned, topped with mushrooms and crispy onions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM –

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PRESENTATIONS

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMENTS FROM SHIPMATES

BENEDICTION

CONCLUSION

May you have fair winds and following seas
And a safe and pleasant trip home!
See you in 2009!

Shipmates and Spouses in Attendance

Cassel Allen
Jay & Gyneth Balfour
Ken & Faye Barnaby
Bob & Jayne-Alice Batie
Ron & Ann Blanton
Clint Buell
Wayne & Rose Burling
John Cook
Neva Cox
Dick Cuciti
Manny & Jean Fontana
Bob & Marion Fox
Skip Flohr
Mike & Sue France
Ross & Sylvia Glasner
Jake Hendrix
Art Herry & daughter Leanne Arntz
Dan & Jeanne Iverson
Jim & Joyce Koppenhaver
Chuck & Carolyn Lettenmeier
Jack & Dorthy Meyer
Steve & Peggy Mitchell
Corky & Jim Myers
Phil & Joanne Nessler
Tom Ruddell & son Chris
Del Scott
Allen Setterquest
James Slach
Karl Smith
Keith Suiter
Dick & Pat Tracy
Bob & Connie Turner
Ernie & Karen von Heimburg
Ken & Billie Voss
Warren West
Wink Winklcotter