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The Honorable John Scott Redd

Vice Admiral, United States Navy (Ret.)

Vice Admiral (VADM) Scott Redd has led ten organizations in government and the private sector as a commander / CEO. In forty years of public service, he launched two organizations critical to US national security: The U. S. Navy's FIFTH fleet in the Middle East and the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) in Washington, D.C.

From 2005 to 2007, Admiral Redd served as the first Senate-confirmed Director of NCTC, a presidential appointee at the deputy secretary level. In that capacity, he was responsible to President Bush for integrating all instruments of U. S. national power into the nation's first war plan for the global war on terrorism. He was also responsible to the Director of National Intelligence for leading the U. S. Government's efforts in analyzing and integrating all terrorism intelligence, foreign and domestic. For his service, President Bush awarded him the National Security Medal, the 83rd recipient in the 60 year history of the award. He also was awarded the Intelligence Community's highest award, the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal.

Prior to NCTC, VADM Redd served as Executive Director for the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (the Silberman-Robb "WMD Commission") in 2004/5. The Commission's report was adopted as the President's blueprint for implementation of Intelligence Community reform.

Prior to being called back to Washington, VADM Redd served briefly as Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Baghdad, Iraq, one of two deputies to AMB L. Paul Bremer.

Following retirement from the Navy in 1998, Admiral Redd served as Chairman and CEO of NetSchools Corp., a high-tech start-up company with offices in Silicon Valley and Atlanta. In this capacity, he led the education technology company through two venture capital funding rounds, tripled revenue and managed its successful sale in 2002.

During his 36 years in uniform he commanded eight operational organizations at sea and served in several senior staff positions in the Pentagon. His last assignment on active duty was as Director of Strategic Plans and Policy (DJ-5) on the Joint Staff. As DJ-5, he guided the development of a new National Military Strategy (NMS) and represented the military at White House National Security Council (NSC) meetings. In 1995, VADM Redd founded the first new U S Navy fleet in half a century, serving as the first Commander FIFTH Fleet (COMFIFTHFLT) since the World War II era. Admiral Redd's military awards include three Defense and two Navy Distinguished Service Medals, the highest non-combat awards for joint and naval service. He also wears the Order of Bahrain.

A native of Sidney, Iowa, VADM Redd graduated with leadership and academic honors from the United States Naval Academy in the class of 1966 (2 of 869), majoring in mathematics and physics. Following graduation, he studied as a Fulbright Scholar in Uruguay and as a Burke Scholar, receiving a Master of Science degree in Operations Analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School. He also attended the Program for Senior Executives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

VADM Redd is past President of his Naval Academy Class and has served on the board of several corporations and non-profit organizations, including the Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) and the U. S. Naval Academy Alumni Association. An avid amateur radio operator, VADM Redd has won eleven world championships and is a member of the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. He was recognized as the first operator to win all six major world championships.

