



Admiral Steve Abbot U.S. Navy, Retired

Admiral Abbot is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, a private, non-profit aid society dedicated to assisting Sailors, Marines and their families. Until June, 2003, he served as the Acting Homeland Security Advisor to the President, having served as the Deputy Homeland Security Advisor under Governor Tom Ridge.

Admiral Abbot's last military assignment was Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. He oversaw the daily activities of a Unified Command with an area of responsibility encompassing 89 countries and more than 13 million square miles.

Born in Pensacola, Florida, Admiral Abbot graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June 1966. His graduate studies include Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar and the Program for Senior Officials in National Security at Harvard University. Admiral Abbot also completed U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School and Naval Nuclear Power training.

Admiral Abbot enjoyed many assignments in his 34 year Navy career, including Commanding Officer of USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) from February 1990 until August 1992, a period that included Operation DESERT STORM. Admiral Abbot then served as the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group Commander while assigned as Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT, and as Commander, Joint Task Force 120.

Admiral Abbot also served as Commander, U.S. SIXTH Fleet and Commander, NAVAL Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe. During this period he was Joint Task Force Commander of Operation SILVER WAKE, the non-combatant evacuation of Albania.

Admiral Abbot and his wife, Marjorie, live in Arlington, VA. They have three sons, LCDR Spencer Abbot on duty with VFA-37 in Oceana, VA, Sebastian Abbot with the Associated Press in Cairo, Egypt, and LT Matt Abbot on duty with VT-22 in Kingsville, TX.

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