

RADM Jeff Harley, USN, Ret.

Teams: Defense & Aerospace, Navy, SPECTRUM Advantage

Expertise Areas

- Strategic Planning and Business Development
- Navy, Joint, and Combined Operations
- Seapower Programs
- Naval and Maritime Combat Systems
- International Affairs and International Law
- Interagency and Intelligence Integration
- Education and Training
- Proposals and Color Teaming

Professional Experience

Admiral Harley delivers value to clients working in naval arenas and the international domain with his substantial expertise in strategic planning, naval systems, and operational requirements. He also provides significant experience in business development, color teaming, and proposals.

Prior to joining The SPECTRUM Group, Admiral Harley served a 36-year career in the U.S. Navy, including extensive operational experience in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. As President of the U.S. Naval War College, he led the college's revitalization through curriculum realignment, increased operational training, and creation of the College of Leadership and Ethics. Previously, as Deputy Director of the Navy Operations and Planning Directorate, Admiral Harley served as a principal advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) on operations and on development of naval strategies, plans, and programs. As President of the Congressional Board of Inspection and Survey, he led 150 technical experts in comprehensive inspection of Navy ships and reporting on readiness to Congress. As Deputy Director for Strategy, Plans and Policy (J5), USCENTCOM, Admiral Harley promoted cooperation, crisis response, state and non-state aggression deterrence and development/reconstruction support alongside national and international partners. Previously, as Director of the White House Situation Room, he managed the team of interagency personnel providing global, fused situational awareness for the President, Vice President, and senior White House staff.

Admiral Harley also served as Commander, U.S. Navy Seventh Fleet Expeditionary Strike Group / Task Force, Commodore of Destroyer Squadron NINE, and Commanding Officer, USS MILIUS (DDG-69). He was awarded the Bronze Star for combat leadership in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Key Positions

- President, U.S. Naval War College
- Deputy Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy Directorate (J5), USCENTCOM
- Deputy Director, Operations, Plans and Policy Directorate (N3N5B), U.S. Navy
- Director, White House Situation Room, National Security Council

Education

- M.A., National Security Affairs, U.S. Naval War College
- M.A., International Affairs, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University
- B.A., Political Science, University of Minnesota

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