

REAR ADMIRAL JON C. KREITZ

U.S. NAVY (RETIRED)

Rear Adm. Jon Kreitz enlisted in the U.S. Navy in May 1982 as a Machinist's Mate. After a tour on board the USS Nassau (LHA 4), he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Physics and received a commission through the NROTC program at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Physics from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Military Art and Science Degree in Strategy from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He was also a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Seminar XXI Fellow.

Kreitz has also served at sea on the USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), USS Mitscher (DDG 57), and USS Enterprise (CVN 65) prior to commanding the USS Stephen W. Groves (FFG 29) where his crew interdicted nearly 20 metric tons of cocaine during two counter narco-terrorism operations deployments. He also commanded USS New York (LPD 21) for her maiden deployment, earning a Battle 'E' Award and the 2013 Atlantic Fleet Marjorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award as the most battle ready ship in the Atlantic Fleet.

Ashore, he has served at Headquarters, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, along with three tours on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), including a tour as a Branch Head in the Surface Warfare Directorate (N86). He also served in OSD as the Chief of Staff and Senior Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He also served on the SECNAV Staff as the Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Kreitz' first flag officer tour was as the 66th President, Board of Inspection and Survey. His final assignment was as the Deputy Director for Operations of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency where he led record increases in the return of Americans missing from past conflicts. He retired in December 2019 after over 37 years of service.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medals, Defense Meritorious Service Medals, Meritorious Service Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, as well as other individual, unit, and campaign awards.

He served as a Deputy Sheriff I (Extra Help) with the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department (OCSD) in California from July 1984 until February 1995.

He was nominated by President Donald J. Trump to be the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs in September 2020.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), the National Governing Body for equestrian sport in America, where he serves on the Member Services Commission, the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Investment Policy Task Force. In October 2021 he was appointed as the CEO of the National League of POW/MIA Families, which was established in 1970 as the first POW/MIA family advocacy 501(c)3 that seeks the fullest possible accounting of unaccounted-for Americans from the Vietnam War and other past conflicts.