

REAR ADMIRAL CATHAL L. FLYNN, USN August 1985 - September 1987

RADM Cathal “Irish” Flynn, born in Dublin, was schooled in Ireland, France and Spain, and graduated from Trinity College with degrees in Arts and Engineering. He was commissioned as an Ensign, USNR in June 1960, and then completed the Underwater Demolition Team Replacement Training Course in Little Creek, VA. RADM Flynn subsequently graduated from the Naval War College Command and Staff Course as well as the National War College and holds an MA in East Asian Studies from American University, Washington, DC.

RADM Flynn’s assignments are as follows: Platoon Officer, UDT ELEVEN and SEAL Team ONE; SEAL Detachment Commander with Special Operations Group, Vietnam; Executive Officer and OIC of the Detachment at Nha Be, Vietnam; Commander UDT TWELVE with subsequent tours at the Naval Sea System Command and on the staff of Commander-in-Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet; Chief Staff Officer of Naval Special Warfare Group ONE; Office of the Secretary of Defense (Country Director for Iran and Indian Ocean Affairs); Commanding Naval Special Warfare Group ONE; served in the Joint Special Operations Command, Ft Bragg, NC (Director of Operations); Commander, Naval Investigative Service Command with additional duty as Special Assistant for Foreign Counterintelligence and Internal Security (OP-009X); Director, Plans, Policy and Doctrine (J-5) U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, FL; and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations.