

Vice Admiral George R. Sterner, USN, (Retired) served as Vice President of Naval Mission Area Executive for Raytheon Company since 1999. Vice Admiral Sterner served as Vice President of Strategic Pursuits for Naval Mission Area Executive for Raytheon from 1999 to 2005. From 1998 to 1999, he served as Vice President of System Integration for Walt Disney Imagineering and directed the technical aspects and delivery preparations for the Ms. Disney Wonder cruise ship. He served as the Chairman of Ecosphere Technologies, Inc. from March 1, 2005 to March 1, 2008. He serves as a Member of Defense Advisory Board at Right Hemisphere Limited (alternate name Right Hemisphere, Inc.). He served on Ecosphere Technologies, Inc.'s Board of Advisors since February 2, 2001. He served as a Director of Ecosphere Technologies, Inc. (formerly UltraStrip Systems Inc.) since March 1, 2002 and served as its Lead Director until July 2, 2010. He serves as a Member of Advisory Board at Isilon Systems, Inc. He served as Commander Naval Sea Systems Command for the U.S. Navy from 1994 to 1998. In total, he spent 36 distinguished years with the U.S. Navy, from 1962 to April 1998. He served tours aboard six nuclear submarines during his career, including taking command of the attack submarine USS Sturgeon (SSN 637) and the Trident submarine USS Florida (SSBN 728). Among other shore assignments, he served as Branch Head for submarine tactical weapons on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. He served a variety of shore assignments during his military career including program manager of the submarine torpedo program and Program Executive Officer for submarine tactical systems. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three gold stars, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars and the Navy Commendation Medal with one gold star. Vice Admiral Sterner received Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1962 and Master of Science degree in operations research from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1968. He also completed the Harvard Graduate School of Business Advanced Management Program in 1985.