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2010 ROTC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

GUEST SPEAKER:

REAR ADMIRAL

W. CLYDE MARSH

UNITED STATES NAVY - RETIRED

COMMISSIONER, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



Rear Admiral Clyde Marsh, USN, (Retired) became the 6th Commissioner/Director of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs in October 2005 after a unanimous vote of the State Board of Directors for Veterans Affairs. He was confirmed for a second term in October 2009.

As Commissioner, he is responsible for all administrative and executive duties of the Department of Veterans Affairs. He manages the state agency's operations (140 state employees in 67 counties) and agency contractors. He also oversees a 100 million dollar budget as well as state benefits and services for Alabama Veterans and their families.

He comes to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs from the US Navy where he retired as a Rear Admiral following 31 successful and rewarding years of dedicated service. While in the Navy, he served in the following command, headquarters and key staff assignments: Commander Amphibious Group Three, Commander Expeditionary Strike Group FIVE, Deputy Director Expeditionary Warfare Division the Pentagon, Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations the Pentagon, Plans and Policy Officer for U.S. Pacific Command, Commander Amphibious Squadron Five as well as Commanding Officer USS Sumter (LST 1181) and USS Cleveland (LPD 7). He also served at sea aboard the following ships: USS Essex, USS St. Louis, USS Pensacola, USS Manley, USS Prairie, USS Parsons and USS Ozbourn. Admiral Marsh led Task Force 51 during the Iraq War where he commanded 31 United States and Coalition ships and 44,000 personnel. He directed combat amphibious operations at sea as well as port operations at Kuwait Naval Base and Umm Quasar in Southern Iraq.

Marsh was born in Wedowee, Alabama and earned his BA Degree from Alabama A&M University in 1973. After graduation, he received a commission as an Ensign in the U. S. Navy and earned his Master of Science degree from Troy University in 1988. He is a 1992 graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College.

Personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal to mention a few.

Admiral Marsh is married to the former Veronica Potts of Tallassee, Alabama. They have two adult children; Diondre Marsh, son and August Binder, daughter.



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Upcoming Programs

- Mar 16** A.C. Roper, Chief of Police
City of Birmingham
- Mar 23** To be announced
- Mar 16** Kiwanis International President
Paul Palazzolo
Alabama District of Kiwanis members will
join us for this meeting.
- Apr 6** Beth Chapman
Alabama Secretary of State

Message

Sixty RIF Volunteers needed for special reading at Festival Center on March 30, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
Please check your calendar and let us know if you can commit. Club contact info listed below.

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Kiwanis Board of Directors meeting will be
Tuesday, March 16 at 11:15 am - Room A,
Third Floor of The Harbert Center.
Members Welcome.

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