

CDR RUDOLPH MATZNER , USN (Ret.)



BIOGRAPHY

CDR Matzner is a semi-retired senior consultant and manager with over 25 years service in the U.S. Navy followed by a 20 year management and consulting career in the private sector. As head of his own logistics, management, ship repair and drydock consulting firm, he has undertaken major engagements as team director for corporate transformation of the Malaysian International Shipping Corporation, ISO 9001 certification of a Panamax capable commercial ship repair yard, software program management and supply chain management for international telecommunication corporations, prepared engineering plans and supervised operations of graving and floating drydocks. He was employed by Arthur D. Little, Inc. as a managing consultant, directing the Program Management Office for a consortium which developed an advanced computer integrated manufacturing system under an \$80 million contract with the U.S. Navy.

Line management experience includes positions as Deputy General Manager of the Balboa Shipyard on the Pacific entrance to the Panama Canal; successive assignments as Program Manager, Chief Engineer, and Chief Financial Officer of a Charleston based ship repair corporation which also operated a shipyard in Hoboken, NJ, and General Manager of a transportable aluminum bridge fabrication facility.

Post-commissioning assignments as a U.S. Navy line officer included tours as Operations, Gunnery and Engineering Department Head on Destroyers and Minesweepers, and executive officer of the USS Conquest (MSO 488). After serving as an Operational Test and Evaluation Project Officer for mine warfare systems, CDR Matzner was designated as an Engineering Duty Officer. He was assigned as a Ship Superintendent and Production Engineering Superintendent at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Senior Advisor in charge of the Naval Advisory Group at the Vietnamese Naval Shipyard, Saigon, director of the Management, Information and Data Systems Division of the Naval Sea Systems Command, Department head and instructor at the Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, VA, and Officer in Charge of the U.S. Navy Office Singapore. His last assignment was as Deputy Supervisor of Shipbuilding Conversion and Repair, Charleston, SC.

Military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with Combat V, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Vietnamese Honor Medal, various unit commendations and service ribbons.

CDR Matzner has earned degrees in Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, Electrical Engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, an MBA from Pacific Lutheran University, an M.S. in Systems Management from the University of Southern California, and B.S. in Applied Mathematics from the College of Charleston.

Current civic activities include national staff positions with the Military Order of the World Wars, Church Council Member, and senior Respite Care Program volunteer and coordinator.