

**For Immediate Release:**

# **Admiral Steve Abbot selected as the Mobile Bay Area Patriot of the Year**



Retired United States Navy Admiral Charles Stevenson “Steve” Abbot has been selected by the Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission as the 2018 Patriot of the Year. This award is presented to an outstanding American who has been recognized at the national level for making significant contributions to our nation.

Born in Pensacola, Abbot graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1966 and attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. Selected for flight training, he qualified in the A-7E Corsair II in which he flew combat missions during the Vietnam War. A graduate of the Air Force Test Pilot School, he would amass 3,600 flight hours and executed 750 carrier landings in a wide variety of ranging from the T-34C trainer to the single-seat, supersonic F/A-18. After commanding Attack Squadron V-86, Abbot attended Naval Nuclear Power School in preparation for command in the nuclear Navy. Under his command, the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71). deployed to the Persian Gulf and participated in Operation Desert Storm flying over 4,200 sorties (more than any other carrier) and dropping more than 4,800,000 pounds of ordnance. After receiving his fourth star, Admiral Abbot commanded the US Sixth Fleet and later served as the Deputy Commander of the US European Command.

Retiring after 34 years of naval service, he served as deputy homeland security advisor to President George W. Bush and is the president of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. The son, grandson, brother and father of USNA graduates, Admiral Abbot has exemplified service to the Navy and the nation.

Admiral Abbot will be recognized during the commission’s Veterans Day noon luncheon on Monday, November 12 at Fort Whiting Armory. Reservations forms and links to online reservations are located at <http://sirmon.us/sirmon/veterans/> or the Mobile Veterans Day Facebook page. The day’s events include a parade in downtown Mobile at 10 am. The USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park will be host to a Veterans Celebration and Parade of Flags at 3 pm and the Mobile Symphonic Pops Band concert beginning at 7 pm.



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