

Vice Adm. Shannon D. Cramer Jr., U.S. Navy

Director
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Vice Adm. Shannon D. Cramer graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1943. Vice Admiral Cramer served aboard the USS *Laub* (DD613), the USS *Furse* (DDR882), the USS *Cochino* (SS345), the USS *Halfbeak* (SS352), the USS *Cobbler* (SS344), and the USS *Sirago* (SS485). He commanded the USS *Swordfish* (SSN579), the Gold Crew of the USS *Patrick Henry* (SSBN599), Submarine Division 102, Submarine Squadron 15.

Vice Admiral Cramer's other assignments include the Staff of Commander Destroyer Squadron 6; aide to the Executive Officer of the Submarine Base; head of the Reserve Training and Ordnance Departments; submarine advisor to the Chief of Naval Reactors Office, Atomic Energy Commission; head of the Material and Submarine Propulsion Sections, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; deputy director of Operations in the National Military Command Systems, J-3, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs). He became commander, Submarine Flotilla 6 in May 1970, and in August 1972, he reported as deputy director (strategic) of J-5, the Joint Staff, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. From April to September 1974, he was deputy director for Plans, Defense Intelligence Agency.

Vice Admiral Cramer consolidated and streamlined production elements of the Defense Mapping Agency (DMA). He directed the efficiencies to the growing demands of the services and commands for geographic information. He retired in 1977. Following retirement, he served as the Department of Defense/Joint Chief of Staff representative to the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference from 1978 to 1981. Vice Admiral Cramer was recognized for his outstanding contribution as director of DMA and was inducted into the National Imagery and Mapping Agency Hall of Fame in 2003.

Vice Admiral Cramer's decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit with four gold stars; the American Defense Service Medal; the American Campaign Medal; the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two stars; the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal; the World War II Victory Medal; the Navy Occupation Service Medal, Europe Clasp; and the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star.