

Vice Admiral Patricia A. Tracey, USN
Director
Navy Staff

Vice Adm. Tracey, a native of The Bronx, New York, completed Women Officers School and was commissioned as an Ensign in 1970, following graduation from the College of New Rochelle with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics. She also holds a Master's degree, with distinction, in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School. Her initial assignment was to the Naval Space Surveillance System in Dahlgren, Va., where she qualified as a Command Center Officer and Orbital Analyst.

Following a tour on the staff of the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, she served at the Bureau of Naval Personnel as the Placement Officer for graduate education and service college students.

From 1980 to 1982, Vice Adm. Tracey served as an extended planning analyst in the Systems Analysis division on the Chief of Naval Operations' staff. She served as Executive Officer of the Naval Recruiting District in Buffalo, N.Y., until 1984, where she was assigned as a manpower and personnel analyst in the Program Appraisal Division of the Chief of Naval Operations' staff. Vice Adm. Tracey commanded the Naval Technical Training Center at Treasure Island from 1986 to 1988. She then headed the Enlisted Plans and Community Management Branch on the Chief of Naval Personnel's staff for 2 years. She assumed command of Naval Station Long Beach, Calif., in 1990. Upon completion of her command tour, Vice Adm. Tracey reported as a Fellow with the Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Studies Group at the Naval War College. Vice Adm. Tracey was assigned as the Director for Manpower and Personnel, J-1, on the Joint Staff from July 1993 to June 1995. From June 1995 to June 1996 she served as Commander, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. She was the Chief of Naval Education and Training, and Director of Naval Training for the Chief of Naval Operations from 10 July 1996 to 8 December 1998.

From December of 1998 to August of 2001, she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Manpower and Personnel Policy), Washington, D.C. She was responsible for the establishment of all policies concerning military personnel matters including accessions and retention programs; compensation and benefits; and policies governing classification, assignment, and career development for 1.4 million service members of the Department of Defense.

The admiral's personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Navy Distinguished Service Medal, three Legion of Merit awards, and three Meritorious Service Medals.

