



ADMIRAL JAMES O. ELLIS JR. '69, USN (RET.)

Admiral James O. Ellis Jr. '69, USN (Ret.), has exemplified “from knowledge, sea power” throughout his career, from his Navy test pilot days through time as Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces, Southern Europe.

He held command assignments with VFA-131, LASALLE (AGF-3), ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) and Carrier Battle Group 5 and senior staff tours including Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy and Operations).

As simultaneous Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Naval Forces, Europe and Allied Forces, Southern Europe, Admiral Ellis led U.S. and NATO forces in combat and humanitarian operations during the 1999 Kosovo crisis.

After that he served as Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, responsible for the nation's strategic and space forces, reporting directly to the Secretary of Defense.

After his Navy retirement in 2004, Admiral Ellis became president and chief executive officer of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, an independent non-profit promoting safety, reliability and excellence in the operation of nuclear-electric generating plants.

He served on the board of the World Association of Nuclear Operators and twice co-chaired the U.S. delegation to the U.N. Convention on Nuclear Safety. He also was a presidential appointee on the President's Intelligence Advisory Board and the Military Advisory Panel to the Iraq Study Group.

Currently he is an Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and a director of Lockheed Martin Corporation, Level 3 Communications and Dominion Resources.

Admiral Ellis has master's degrees in aerospace engineering and aeronautical systems. He attended the Senior Officer Program in National Security Strategy.

His decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (three awards), Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal, along with multiple campaign and service awards and awards of merit bestowed by Hungary, Greece and Italy.

He and his wife, Elizabeth Pate-Cornell, make Portola Valley, CA, their home. Admiral Ellis is the proud father of two, the eldest a West Point graduate and the current Commanding Officer of the Army Third Ranger Battalion.