



William R. Rowley

**Rear Admiral
Medical Corps, U.S. Navy**

**Commander, Naval Medical Center,
Portsmouth
(1995-1998)**

RADM Rowley comes to Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery where he served as Assistant Chief for Plans, Analysis, and Evaluation. He Was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral (lower half) in 1993.

A native of Omaha, NE, RADM Rowley spent his childhood in Owatonna, MN where he graduated from high school in 1961. Attending the University of Minnesota, he received a B.A. degree in Psychology in 1966 and a doctor of medicine degree in 1970. He served a surgical internship and first year of general surgery residency at the University of California, San Diego. He was commissioned in the Navy in 1972.

RADM Rowley's first duty was as Medical Officer on USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10), which participated in mine sweeping off the coast of Vietnam in 1973. He was then assigned to Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, PA to complete his general surgery residency and became a staff general surgeon there in January 1977. In July 1977, he transferred to Naval Hospital, San Diego for a one-year peripheral vascular surgery fellowship. Following this fellowship, he served as a staff vascular surgeon at Naval Hospital, San Diego. In 1980 he became Head, Peripheral Vascular Surgery Division and Fellowship Program Director. From 1985 to 1988, he was Chairman of the Department of General Surgery and Residency Program Director and served as Director of Surgical Services from 1987 to 1988. In October 1988, he transferred to Naval Medical Command, Southwest Region, as Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations.

In 1989, he assumed additional duty on a Management Assistance Team chartered by the Blue Ribbon Panel on Navy Medicine. He transferred to National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD in 1989 as Deputy Commander, and then became Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, CA in August 1991. In July 1993, he transferred to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, DC, serving as Deputy Assistant Chief for Health Care Operations.

RADM Rowley's military awards include: the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal; Navy Commendation Medal; Meritorious Unit Citation; National Defense Service Medal (with gold star); and Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

RADM Rowley is Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD. He is an affiliate of the International Society of Cardiovascular Surgery; American College of Surgeons; Association of Military Surgeons of the United States; American College of Physician Executives; American College of Healthcare Executives; and the American Medical Association.

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