

The Rear Admiral Scott L. Sears Memorial Scholarship

Rear Admiral Scott F. Sears left a legacy of service and dedication to his country, his faith, his community and his family. In honor of the Admiral Sears' life-long work and dedication to service, the Military Officers Association of America, New River Chapter, has established a scholarship to be presented to a local high school senior who is an active member of the Junior ROTC. The recipient must exhibit personal integrity, a desire to serve others, a strong work ethic, and leadership potential, along with a record of achievement in academics throughout his/her secondary education.

Rear Admiral Scott L. Sears Biography

Rear Admiral (retired) Scott L. Sears was born in Cleburne, Tx. in 1945 and graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1966 with Bachelor of Science Degrees in Physics and Economics. He completed Naval Submarine School in 1966, and subsequently served aboard USS Barbel and USS Gudgeon. From 1970 to 1971, he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduated with two Master of Science Degrees in Electrical Engineering. After attending Naval Nuclear Power School, he served aboard USS Spadefish, USS Flying Fish and USS Henry L. Stimson. From 1980 to 1982, he led the Plans, Programs and Advanced Systems Section on the Chief of Naval Operations staff.

From 1983 to 1986, Admiral Sears commanded USS Albuquerque, SSBN 706 after which he became Deputy Commander for Training and Operations, Submarine Squadron Seventeen. He returned to the Chief of Naval Operations staff in 1989 and oversaw the Tactical Weapons Branch. In 1989, he was assigned to Naval Sea Systems Command Headquarters as Program Manager for the development of the combat system for the next-generation attack submarine Seawolf.

Admiral Sears was selected to flag rank as an Acquisition Professional in January 1991. From 1992 until his retirement in 1995, he was Commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Newport, RI. Admiral Sears was also a graduate of Duke University's School of Business, Advanced Management Program and the National Defense University Capstone Program. His personal awards include two Legion of Merits, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals and two Navy Achievement Medals.