

## Vice Admiral Stansfield Turner

Stansfield Turner (b. 1923) became a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University after graduating from the Naval Academy. In 1972, the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, a 1953 Naval War College graduate, sent Turner to Newport with a mission to change the College radically and to provide it with a rigorous and challenging curriculum that would broaden officers' outlooks beyond their narrow specialties and to give them the education to analyze problems effectively. In doing this, Turner built on his educational experiences and connections at Oxford to create the three-course curriculum that has existed since that time. Among his most striking innovations was the establishment of the Strategy and Policy course that began with reading Thucydides and was built around critical analysis of a series of historical cases studies. Along with this came extensive writing assignments and examinations for students, with a full-time civilian teaching and research faculty with academic credentials from the best research universities. After leaving the Naval War College, Turner went on to command the Second Fleet. Promoted to four stars, he was assigned as Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, and then became the tenth Director of Central Intelligence in the administration of his Naval Academy classmate President Jimmy Carter.

Admiral Turner is shown in this portrait wearing his Oxford University Master of Arts hood. The artist, Jeanne Bunkley, was born in Bronxville, New York, and studied at the National Academy of Design and the Art Students League as well as the Grand Central School of Art and Design. She settled in Jamestown, Rhode Island, where she is a member of the Art League of Rhode Island, the New England Printmakers Guild, and a founding member of the Conanicut Island Art Association (CIAA).

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Jeanne Bunkley, 1974

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