

## Rear Admiral Edward F. Welch, Jr.

Edward F. Welch (1925 - 2008) was born in Barrington, Rhode Island. He was a graduate of the National War College and former dean of academic affairs at that institution. From 1977 to 1979, he was deputy director of international negotiations on the Joint Staff with responsibility to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for arms control talks. In addition, he played a key role on the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Standing Consultative Commission in 1977 - 1978. He was a member of the delegation that accompanied President Jimmy Carter to the SALT II summit in Vienna in June 1979. As the forty-first president of the Naval War College, he emphasized fleet operations in the curriculum and in war gaming. It was during his administration that global war gaming was begun. Welch also instituted a program, with the approval of the Chief of Naval Operations, for naval officer students to work for master's degrees with area colleges and universities.

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