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Admiral Robert J. Natter is President of R.J. Natter & Associates, LLC, a nationwide consulting and advocacy firm specializing in corporate and defense strategy. Clients have included the Florida Governor's office, McDonald's, and many other U. S. and International Corporations. He is on the Board of BAE North America.

Admiral Natter retired from the U. S. Navy in December 2003 after serving as the Commander in Chief of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet and as the first Commander of U. S. Fleet Forces Command, overseeing all Continental U. S. Navy bases, facilities and training operations. He was actively involved with today's organizational and technological transformation of the U. S. Navy because of the most sweeping Navy fleet reorganization around his headquarters since World War II. As part of these additional responsibilities, Natter and his staff authored the Navy's Training Resource Strategy and its Fleet Response Plan, both of which are the Navy's current operating directives.

Admiral Natter assumed duties as Commander-in-Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet on June 23, 2000, where he was responsible for providing fully trained, combat ready forces to the United States and NATO worldwide. The Atlantic Fleet included over 160,000 Sailors and Marines, 162 ships and 1,200 aircraft, as well as 18 major shore stations providing training, maintenance and logistics support. His initiatives included transforming the Navy's Key West pier facilities from a government operated and funded asset to an enhanced use lease program whereby the Base earns about \$1 million annually from Cruise ship use on a not to interfere basis with military use. Following retirement he initiated on behalf of the Governor of Florida a proposal that resulted in DOD's free use of government land on which a new U. S. Southern Command headquarters complex is being constructed. This initiative saved the tax payers millions of dollars in land value alone.

His personal honors include the U. S. military's Silver Star medal and Purple Heart; the 1998 Order of the Rising Sun Medal by the Emperor of Japan; the 1998 Order of National Security Medal from the President of the Republic of Korea; the 2003 Ellis Island Medal of Honor; the 2003 Ted Williams Military Achievement Award, and the 2004 Distinguished Sea Service Leader of the Year by the Naval Order of the United States. Natter has earned Masters degrees in Business Management and International Relations, and is the fifth recipient of the Naval War College Distinguished Graduate Leadership Award.