



**The Dallas Chapter of
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Luncheon Speaker Series

Presents



Rear Admiral Gary Rosholt, USN (Ret.)

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11:15 AM to 1:00 PM

Park City Club, 17th Floor

5956 Shery Lane, Dallas, TX 75225

Rear Adm. Gary Rosholt, the son of a career U.S. Air Force officer, was commissioned through the Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He completed Basic Underwater Demolition / SEAL (BUD/S) training in February 1980.

Tours in Naval Special Warfare include operational assignments with Underwater Demolition Team 12, SEAL Team 1, and Special Boat Unit 20. Rosholt's shore duty assignment was with the Chief of Naval Technical Training where he also completed his Master of Science degree in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas.

In the Reserve Component, Rosholt served in staff positions with the Naval Surface Warfare Center, White Oak; OPNAV (N851); and, as a Navy emergency preparedness liaison officer with the director of Military Support and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense. He commanded five Navy Reserve Units: Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Norfolk Detachment 406; Special Boat Unit 20; Naval Special Warfare Unit Four; Special Operations Command Detachment 108; and Naval Special Warfare Command headquarters.

Promoted to Rear Admiral in October 2008 and returning to active duty, Rosholt served as the deputy commanding general for Special Operations Command, U.S. Central Command, and as the Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché with the U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

After his military retirement in 2015, he remained in Abu Dhabi and later served as the Corporate Vice President, L3Harris Technologies and was responsible for all aspects of the company's business interest in the Middle East region, including strategy, operations, and growth, including the successful execution of ongoing business. He repatriated back home to Texas in 2024 after 12 years in Abu Dhabi as a warrior, diplomat and expat executive.

Topic

Confronting Iranian Terrorism: Lessons from my Navy SEAL Career

During this presentation you will learn:

1. Insights into the history and evolution of Iranian-sponsored terrorism and its profound impact on U.S. interests and allies.
2. The pivotal role of US Navy SEALs and other special operations forces in countering terrorism threats.
3. The significance of vigilance, resilience, and informed citizenship in navigating the ever-changing landscape of national security challenges.

It is nobler to serve than to be served.