

Roland G. Guilbault
Rear Admiral USN (retired)
Commissioning Commanding Officer
USS TICONDEROGA (CG-47)



Rear Admiral Guilbault served in the Navy for 34 years. A native of West Warwick, Rhode Island, he attended Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned an Ensign in May 1959.

He immediately reported aboard USS Hazelwood (DD-531) where he progressed from 1st Lieutenant to Gun Boss. On completing that tour, he was detailed to the commissioning crew of USS Bainbridge (CGN-25). Next came the Naval Postgraduate School where he completed the Engineering Science curriculum. This was followed by the Fleet Anti-Air Warfare Center in Diego, California where he taught CIC Team training. His next assignment found him back in USS Bainbridge as Weapons Officer with operations off Vietnam. Subsequent tours included program manager DLG AAW Modernization program at NAVSEA; Executive Officer, USS Dale (CG-19); Commanding Officer USS Tattal (DDG-19); Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft McNair and OP 03 staff, Pentagon where he was on the DDGX requirements team (later DDG-51 class) prior to being selected for Captain in 1980.

He was then assigned as the first commanding officer USS TICONDEROGA (CG-47) and moved to Pascagoula, Ms in October 1981 to lead the Pre-Commissioning detail. For the next 15 months, he assembled the crew and worked with Ingalls to deliver Ticonderoga. In January 1983, Ticonderoga was commissioned and commenced a most ambitious series of missile firings, fleet operations, a Post-Shakedown Availability and deployed just 9 months after commissioning. After a very successful deployment, TICO returned directly to Roosevelt Roads to conduct SM-2 missiles test firings.

In January 1985, Admiral selectee Guilbault was relieved of command and assigned to the Pentagon as Director, Surface Warfare Combat System OP-35, then as Director, Navy Command and Control Op-942. He was then ordered as commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Twelve, Mayport, FL and one week after taking command, he embarked in USS Eisenhower (CVN-69) as OTC for a 2 CV Battle Group shakedown exercise off Puerto Rico. This was followed with a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean as Commander Battle Force Sixty (CTF-60). On his return, he was ordered to the Pentagon as Deputy Director Space & Electronic Warfare, OP-094B with a follow-on tour as Deputy CIINCIBERLANT, a NATO maritime command in Lisbon Portugal.

On retiring from the Navy in 1994, he joined industry as Vice President Strategic Initiatives with Digital Equipment Corporation and later Lucent Technologies focusing on DOD and International Governments needs. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Fortress Technologies Inc. of Tampa, Florida; as an Associate with Burdeshaw Associates, Ltd., a senior executive consulting firm for military systems and business strategy, and as a director for the Navy League, Treasure Coast, Florida chapter.

Admiral Guilbault holds a BA degree from the University of Montreal and a Master of Science in Administration from George Washington University. He is married to Huguette Coulais Guilbault and they reside at 1405 Corona Lane, Vero Beach, Florida.