



**Daniel B. Branch, Jr.**

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**National President  
Navy League of the United States**

Dan Branch is the 45<sup>th</sup> National President of the Navy League of the United States, a civilian organization of over 56,000 members founded in 1902, dedicated to supporting the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the U. S.-Flag Merchant Marine, and educating American citizens and elected officials about the importance of sea power. He has served as National Vice President for Legislative Affairs, Rocky Mountain Region President, Region Vice President for Legislative Affairs, Colorado State President, Denver Council President, and as a National Director for 10 years. Navy League awards for his work include two Navy League Commendations and the Scroll of Honor.

Dan is a retired career naval officer with over 30 years of service. After graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy, he went to sea in three surface ships and three submarines. He was Commanding Officer of nuclear attack submarine U.S.S. Scamp, and surface ship U.S.S. Orion, a Submarine Tender in La Maddalena, Italy. Earlier sea tours were on Destroyer U.S.S. Bigelow, the first nuclear DLGN, U.S.S. Bainbridge, nuclear attack submarine U.S.S. Gato, and strategic missile submarine U.S.S. James K. Polk. He completed the first deployment on U.S.S. Bainbridge, and was Quarantine Screen Flagship Weapons Officer during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was Deputy Squadron Commander, Submarine Squadron 16 in Kings Bay, Georgia when Naval Submarine Support Base Kings Bay became operational in 1979. He was a Battalion Officer at the U. S. Naval Academy and a member of the Academy Admissions Board. In NATO HQ in Brussels, Belgium, he was Senior Staff Officer, SACLANT Representative Europe with nuclear weapons policy, and nuclear and conventional weapons arms control responsibilities. At the Atlantic Submarine Force HQ, his duties included Submarine Tactical Readiness and Training, and training Navy SEALs on submarines. Dan is a Distinguished Graduate of the Naval War College, Command and Staff College. Additionally, he has a Masters Degree in International Affairs from The George Washington University. Awards on active duty include numerous Letters of Commendation, the Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Battle Efficiency "E" Award for two consecutive years as Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Scamp.

After Naval Service, Dan had over eleven years with corporations as an executive. Assignments included numerous senior positions in manufacturing, quality assurance, and performance assurance. Much of his work included significant turnaround, cost cutting, productivity improvement, and start-up of Department of Energy nuclear facilities. He has been a member of several Colorado Congressmen's Military Academies Selection Boards and Advisory Boards over the past decade. He also has been on the Board of Trustees of the Naval Academy Alumni Association, and is a Trustee for the Naval Academy Foundation, A & S Division. He currently serves as The Colorado Chapter President, U. S. Naval Academy Alumni Association.

Dan and his wife Kathleen Lanahan Branch make their home in Boulder County, Colorado, near Denver.