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Bill French is the President and CEO of the Armed Services YMCA based in Woodbridge, Virginia. The Armed Services YMCA serves hundreds of thousands of military service members and their families each year through a variety of programs and services designed specifically to overcome the unique challenges faced by our military members.

French retired in October 2014 as a Vice Admiral in the United States Navy after 35 years of service. He spent the majority of his career going to sea in submarines to include command of the USS SALT LAKE CITY (SSN-716), and command of a fast attack submarine squadron. As a Flag Officer, he served in three Regional Commander assignments; in the Northwest, Southwest and Guam. His last assignment was as Commander, Navy Installations Command, where he was responsible for the Navy's 70 bases with oversight of all Navy shore support operations world-wide.

He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, and was commissioned in the Navy through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Program in May 1979. He subsequently earned Master's degrees from both the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College. French currently serves as a member of the National Advisory Committee for the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC).

