

Frederick (Rick) P. Brackett, Jr.



Rick Brackett has over twenty-three years of professional experience in naval aviation and shipboard fields, leadership, administrative management, training, and diplomatic relations. His service in the U.S. Navy culminated in a diplomatic position in Europe. He brings to PAL a broad background of naval experience.

Rick has served in a variety of assignments around the country and overseas during his U.S. Navy career. Four years prior to his retirement, he served as the Naval Attaché and Security Assistance Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Finland. In that capacity he advised senior military and civilian policy and defense leaders in support of diplomatic relations for the United States. He was instrumental in negotiating myriad international agreements for the U.S. Navy and Department of Defense. As a principal point of contact for the Office of Defense Cooperation he coordinated sales, represented U.S. military defense contractors to international customers, and facilitated post contract support representing over \$4 billion in contracts. He supported both large and small defense and commercial contractors from the initial planning phase through project completion.

Prior to his work at the U.S. Embassy Helsinki, Rick was commanding officer of one of the largest aviation squadrons in the U.S. Navy. He led an organization of over 450 diverse male and female personnel that included over \$250 million in assets. Rick developed new tactics and oversaw the implementation of new electronic warfare equipment and aviation platforms for training surface and aviation units in both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets.

Rick has a B.S. from Jacksonville University in Florida. He has a comprehensive and multifaceted background in naval air and shipboard operations. He is experienced in anti-submarine warfare, anti-air warfare, anti-ship warfare, electronic warfare, mine warfare, combat systems operations, and flight instruction. He has lived and traveled extensively overseas in both Asia and Europe. He brings to PAL a naval perspective and additional domestic and international experience.