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*We are proud to honor Paul G. Gaffney and Margaret S. Leinen
with the prestigious Ocean Conservation Award*



Vice Admiral Paul Gaffney's naval career has spanned more than three decades in executive and command positions within naval research and oceanography. His service at home and abroad has supported efforts to defend our nation from naval threats and increase the safety and security of our global ocean. Gaffney has served with the Navy in several positions, including commander of naval oceanography and meteorology and chief of naval research. He is the eponym of the Gaffney Ridge, an undersea ridge in the South China Sea, located 220 miles west of the Philippines. Admiral Gaffney retired from the Navy in 2003 and immediately took up a decade-long stint as president of Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey.

Today he serves as a fellow in Monmouth's Urban Coast Institute. He was appointed by the President to the United States Commission on Ocean Policy in 2001 and was named chair of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel in 2009. In 2014 he was appointed as the chairman of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board. Gaffney graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1968. Soon after, he received a master's degree in ocean engineering from The Catholic University of America, was an advanced research fellow at the Naval War College, and completed his M.B.A. at Jacksonville University. He has received multiple military and civilian awards, including the Naval War College's J. William Middendorf Prize for Strategic Research, the Outstanding Public Service Award from the Virginia Research and Technology Consortium, and the Potomac Institute's Navigator Award. Admiral Gaffney was elected to the National Academy of Engineering for technical leadership in naval research and development and its impact on U.S. defense, ocean policy, and the Arctic.



Doctor Margaret Leinen is a distinguished, award-winning oceanographer. She currently serves as the vice chancellor for marine sciences, director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and dean of the School of Marine Sciences at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Leinen earned her bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Illinois in 1969, a master's in geological oceanography from Oregon State University in 1975, and her doctorate in oceanography in 1980 from the University of Rhode Island. Prior to her position at UC San Diego, Leinen was the vice provost for marine and environmental initiatives and executive director of the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute of Florida Atlantic University. Dr.

Leinen has extensive knowledge in the fields of global climate and environmental issues, biogeochemical cycles, paleo-oceanography, and paleo-climatology. She is president of the American Geophysical Union Board of Directors and has been elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Geological Society of America. Recently Dr. Leinen was selected to join the Leadership Council of the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative. Dr. Leinen is one of the nation's most distinguished science administrators, and has played key roles in the evolution of each of the institutions she has led.