

## VADM J. Cutler Dawson, '70, USN (RET.)

**Vice Admiral J. Cutler Dawson '70, USN (Ret.)**, is the President, and CEO of Navy Federal Credit Union. Admiral Dawson's naval career spanned 35 years and included at-sea tours in frigates, destroyers and cruisers, including time on the staffs of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group Three and Commander, Seventh Fleet. Admiral Dawson's commands included the USS Molala, Bronstein, Harry W. Hill, Princeton and the Cruiser-Destroyer Group Twelve/Enterprise Battle Group. Under his command, the Enterprise Battle Group conducted strikes in support of Operation Desert Fox in the Arabian Gulf and Operation Allied Force in the Adriatic Sea in the late 1990s. He also served as Commander, Second Fleet



and Striking Fleet Atlantic. Shore assignments included the Surface Warfare Division of the Chief of Naval Operations, Director of the Navy's Senate Liaison Office, Director of the Operations Division of the Navy Budget Office and Acting Budget Officer of the Navy. He also served as the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Requirements and Assessments).

Following his retirement from active duty in 2004, Dawson became president and CEO of Vienna, VA-based Navy Federal, the world's largest credit union, which has more than six million members, 15,000 employees and \$78 billion in assets. Vice Admiral Dawson holds a master's degree in financial management from the Naval Postgraduate School and is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. His volunteer leadership service has included the Federal Financial Literacy Council, the Center for Creative Leadership, the National Association of Federal Credit Unions and the Consumer Federation of America.