

**Michael H. McDaniel**  
**Captain, U.S. Navy (Retired)**

Born and raised mostly in Virginia Beach, VA. Graduated from Encinal High School in Alameda, CA, in 1976. Son of Captain Eugene “Red” McDaniel who spent six years as a Prisoner of War (POW) during the Vietnam War.

1980 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Retired from the uniformed Navy in the spring of 2011 as a Navy Captain (06) and from his GS-15 civilian service position in the fall of 2012. Highlights of his naval career include several command tours and his documentation efforts following the bombing of the USS COLE and the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on 9/11/2001. He was also heavily involved with coordinating military support in disaster response efforts following the disastrous hurricane season in 2005 - Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. He spent his last three years on active duty as the Deputy Director of the Naval History and Heritage Command.

He runs the American Defense Institute (ADI), a non-profit 501(c)3 educational organization that promotes the need for a strong national defense and serves as President of the Howard Fund, a non-profit fund dedicated to equipping young Christians to better serve fellow men and women and to find and better follow God’s will for their lives. He served as the Washington DC area manager for Promise Keepers – a Christian ministry to men from 1994-1998. He is an ordained minister and serves on boards of several charitable and non-governmental organizations. He is currently embarked upon a new mission of building an Addiction and Recovery Training Center as a memorial to his late adult son, Daryl.

Mike McDaniel is married to the former Deborah Bailey of Newport News, VA. They raised two sons, Michael and Daryl, and have one grandson (Ethan Michael McDaniel). They reside in Alexandria, Virginia.