

ERIC D. BOWMAN, Ph.D.

Director of the Naval Academy Academic Center

Dr. Bowman was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1946. Upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 1969 at the rank of Sergeant (E-5). During his four-year enlistment, Dr. Bowman was trained as an Air Traffic Controlman. After his first duty assignment he was selected for Embassy duty and served as a Marine Security Guard at the United States Embassies in Kabul, Afghanistan and Kathmandu, Nepal.

Dr. Bowman returned to his academic studies after his discharge from the Marine Corps and received his Bachelors of Science degree in psychology from Ohio State University in 1973. He received his Masters of Science degree in 1975 and his Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Counseling Psychology in 1978. Both degrees are from the University of Missouri.

In 1978, Dr. Bowman began working as a staff psychologist and later as Associate Director, Counseling and Psychological Services at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York. At the University he taught courses in Sport Psychology and Counseling in the Departments of Psychology and Education.

Dr. Bowman began his Naval Academy career in 1984 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Leadership and Law and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 1987. He has taught courses in Human Behavior, Theories of Personality, and Naval Leadership in the Department of Leadership, Ethics, and Law.

In 1989, Dr. Bowman helped establish the Naval Academy Academic Center and has been the Director of the Center since 1993. His current duties in that capacity include the overall supervision and administration of all academic improvement services provided by the Center.

Since Dr. Bowman received his Ph.D., he has had a part-time private practice in psychology specializing in adult psychotherapy, marriage counseling, and sport psychology. He is on the United States Olympic Committee Sport Psychology registry and is currently working with the U.S. Olympic White Water Kayak team. In 1992, Dr. Bowman was appointed to the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychology and served in that capacity for eight years. He is currently a member of the American Psychological Association Board of Director's Ethics Committee Standing Hearing Panel.