



CAPT, USN (Ret) Dick Ahlborn – VP Marketing, Products, and Sales

CAPT Dick Ahlborn graduated from Yale University via the NROTC Program with a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering. He subsequently earned a Master of Science degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.

His naval career was spent in the Nuclear Submarine Force, with service in both attack and ballistic missile submarines. Commands at-sea and ashore included USS Andrew Jackson and Service School San Diego, the Navy's third largest technical training command.

Since his retirement from naval service, CAPT Ahlborn has remained within the Defense Industry, operating his own global business development company; consulting on various submarine-associated technologies; assisting San Diego area startup companies with the transition from new products, to manufacture and sales; and working in the business development arena for companies including Northrop Grumman, General Atomics, Scientific Atlanta, Smiths Industries, Ice Management Systems, Information Systems Laboratories, and Cubic Defense Applications, where he concentrated on providing wideband data link systems to satisfy the C4ISR transmission requirements of Navy customers in all three dimensions: air, surface, and subsurface.

President and CEO of Synapse International, Inc., having done business in 36 countries on six continents, based on a network of in-country agents, normally retired naval officers in their own territories. Comfortable in dealing with a wide range of cultures, business practices, and government regulations.

Domestically won and performed on a series of SBIR (Small Business Innovative Research) projects, principally in the arena of cutting edge technologies across many disciplines, for acquisition commands including NAVSEA, NAVAIR, SPAWAR, ONR, the USAF Mobility Command, and DARPA.

Currently holds a Top Secret clearance, with active investigations which would allow a prompt upgrade to SCI/black program access. Awarded the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, a Navy Unit Citation, two Battle Efficiency "E" competitions, and various campaign ribbons.

Enjoys mountain biking, barefoot beach running, and Scuba, for which he holds certificates as an Advanced Open Ocean Diver for wreck diving, cave diving, and underwater night navigation.