



DAVID L. BREWER III
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)

Vice Admiral Brewer was born in Farmville, Va., and raised in Orlando, Fla. He is a distinguished graduate of Jones High School in Orlando. He is the son of Mildred S. Brewer and the late David L. Brewer II, both retired educators in the Orlando, Fla. He is a graduate of Jones High School in Orlando, Fla. and received its Centennial Distinguished Alumni Award for Military Service in 1995. Vice Admiral Brewer is also the recipient of the Onyx Magazine state of Florida's 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award.

His distinguished naval career began in 1970 when he was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy by former Secretary of the Navy, the late Senator John Chafee (Rep.-R.I.). He was a member of the first graduating class of the first Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps unit established by the U.S. Navy at a historically black university, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Tex.

During his distinguished Naval career, he commanded two ships, the USS Bristol County (LST 1189) and the USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20). During these two command tours, his ships won numerous awards for combat efficiency and community service. As a flag officer (admiral), he commanded a group of 17 ships as the Commander, Amphibious Group Three, and a fleet of 120 ships, as the Commander, Military Sealift Command.

After his retirement from the Navy, Vice Admiral Brewer was unanimously selected as the 46th Superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), where he served from November 2006 to December 2008. LAUSD is the second largest school district in the US, with over 700,000 students, 100,000 full and part-time employees and over 800 schools. Under his leadership, the District had its highest academic gains in over five years, after four years of declining academic gains; the highest academic gains among the major school districts in Calif; passed the largest school bond in U.S. history - \$7 Billion – with a voter approval of 69%; reduced the dropout rate by 17% (one of the largest declines in the State of Calif); increased graduation rates from 67% to 72%; and retained more students, resulting in the largest 12th grade enrollment in almost 30 years.

During his distinguished naval career, Vice Admiral Brewer was honored with the Naval War College's Distinguished Graduate Leadership Award – 10th recipient in the history of the War College; the Navy League of the United States Vincent T. Hirsch Maritime Award; the National Defense Transportation Association's Department of Defense Distinguished Service Award; and, numerous other military and civilian awards.

During his tenure as Superintendent, LAUSD, he was honored with the Los Angeles NAACP's *Man of Valor Award*, *Who's Who* in Black Los Angeles, cable television's *Telly Award* for best local programming for his TV show *Transforming Education with Superintendent Brewer*, and Great Beginnings for Black Babies' *Dr. Virginia Hunter Education Award*.

Vice Admiral Brewer is married to Dr. Richardene "Deanie" Brewer, a distinguished educator of over 30 years. They have a daughter, Stacey, who is an attorney.