



UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
4000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-4000



JUN 18 2004

PERSONNEL AND
READINESS

AS
FT
TO 9744

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have approved the retirement of Vice Admiral Michael L. Cowan, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list. I certify that Vice Admiral Cowan has served satisfactorily on active duty in his current grade. Vice Admiral Cowan, who is 59 years of age, currently serves as Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and Surgeon General. I have also notified the President of the United States and the President of the Senate of this action.

Sincerely,

David S. C. Chu

cc:

- The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
- The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee

RECEIVED
04 JUN 23 PM 1:06
SPEAKER'S ROOMS
U.S. HOUSE OF REPS.

