

Charles F. Adams
Past Chairman
Raytheon Company



Charles F. Adams was a past chairman of the board of Raytheon Company. He retired as chairman in 1975 and as a director in 1997. Prior to becoming chairman in 1964, he had served as president since 1948.

Mr. Adams joined Raytheon as executive vice president in 1947. He had served with the investment banking firm Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis, of which he became a partner in 1938. Prior to World War II, he was a director of Raytheon Company and Submarine Signal Company, which later merged with Raytheon.

During the war, Mr. Adams commanded destroyer escorts in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. Upon his return to the United States in 1945 with the rank of commander, he joined the staff of Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet. After the war, he was assigned to the Bureau of Personnel in the Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

He was an honorary trustee of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, trustee of the USS Constitution Museum Foundation and a trustee of the Massachusetts Humane Society.

Biography

Mr. Adams was a fellow of the Academy of Arts and Sciences and a former overseer of Harvard University. He was also vice president of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Mr. Adams had been awarded honorary degrees by Suffolk University, Northeastern University, Bates College and Tufts University.

Born in 1910 in Massachusetts, he attended St. Mark's School, graduated from Harvard College in 1932 and did graduate work at Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Mr. Adams passed away in January, 1999.