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VADM (Ret.) Yedidia Yaari is the President & CEO of RAFAEL Armament Development Authority Ltd., a leading contributor in the research, development, production, marketing, sales and support of advanced defense systems in Israel and around the globe.

VADM (Ret.) Yaari has joined RAFAEL in December 2004 following his retirement from the position of Commander in Chief of the Israel Navy, a position which he honorably held since the year 2000.



In 1965 he was recruited to the IDF (Israel Defense Force) and served as an operator in the Naval Commando Unit. In the course of his long military service to the State of Israel, VADM Yaari also served as Deputy Commander in Chief of the Israel Navy, Commander of the Haifa Naval Base, Head of Naval Intelligence Command, Israel Navy Representative at RAFAEL, Commander of the Naval Commando Unit and as Commander of a Missile Boat.

In 1969 he was wounded in battle and left the service to return in October 1973, when after the war, he attended officers course and was reassigned to the Naval Commando Unit as a team leader.

Vice Admiral (Ret.) Yedidia Yaari holds an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, a BA in the History of the Middle East from Haifa University and is a graduate of the Israel Navy Command Course and the USN Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

VADM (Ret.) Yaari was born in 1947 in Kibbutz Merhavia, Israel. He is married to Shula, and has three sons.