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Rick Campbell, a retired Navy Commander, spent more than twenty years on multiple submarine tours. On his last tour, he was one of the two men whose permission was required to launch the submarine's nuclear warhead-tipped missiles. Campbell is the author of *The Trident Deception*, *Empire Rising* and *Ice Station Nautilus*, and lives with his family in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

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