



RADM (Ret) Michael Mittelman

On July 15, 2013, Dr. Mittelman became the sixth president in the 100-year history of Salus University, a Long Beach NY native, Dr. Mittelman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Jacksonville University in 1975. In 1980 he earned his Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree from the Salus University Pennsylvania College of Optometry and was commissioned into the Navy Medical Service Corps that same year. In 1990, he earned a Master of Public Health degree (MPH) from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and graduated from the Naval War College non-resident program in 1991. In May, 2019, he earned a MBA from the Fox Business School, Temple University.

After a 33-year career, Dr. Mittelman retired from the US Navy in June 2013 with the rank of Rear Admiral, having served as Deputy Surgeon General in his last command.

Dr. Mittelman is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO) and a diplomate in its Section in Public Health and Environmental Vision. He is a member of the American Optometric Association and recipient of their 2012 Distinguished Service Award. He is past president of the Armed Forces Optometric Society and recipient of their Orion Award. In 2012, Dr. Mittelman was honored with the *Distinguished Service Award* of the American Optometric Association (AOA) and in June 2019, was inducted into the *National Optometric Hall of Fame* of the AOA.