

Rear Admiral Howe III

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Rear Admiral Howe was commissioned in 1984 following his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. He graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1995 with a master of arts in national security affairs (special operations/lowintensity conflict) and from the National War College in 2002 with a master of arts in national security strategy. Howe's operational assignments have included a full range of duties in the Naval Special Warfare and Joint Special Operations communities. He commanded Naval Special Warfare Unit 3 in Bahrain, Naval Special Warfare Group 3 in San Diego, and Special Operations Command, Pacific in Hawaii. His service overseas includes multiple deployments to the western Pacific and Southwest Asia, and participation in Operations EARNEST WILL, PROVIDE PROMISE, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. His key joint and staff assignments include current operations officer at Special Operations Command, Pacific; chief staff officer, Naval Special Warfare Development Group; assistant chief of staff for Operations, Plans and Policy at Naval Special Warfare Command; director of Legislative Affairs for U.S. Special Operations Command and assistant commanding officer, Joint Special Operations Command. On his departure from the College, he was promoted to vice admiral and assumed duty as associate director of Military Affairs, Central Intelligence Agency. As the 55th President of the Naval War College, Rear Admiral Howe was the first Navy SEAL to hold that office. Under his leadership, the College focused its efforts on preparing leaders for the challenges of an increasingly complex operational environment and the rise of nearpeer competitors. These efforts included reinvigorating a sense of the profession and leading the Navy's initiatives to improve leader development.

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