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~ Admiral Arleigh Burke, USN ~

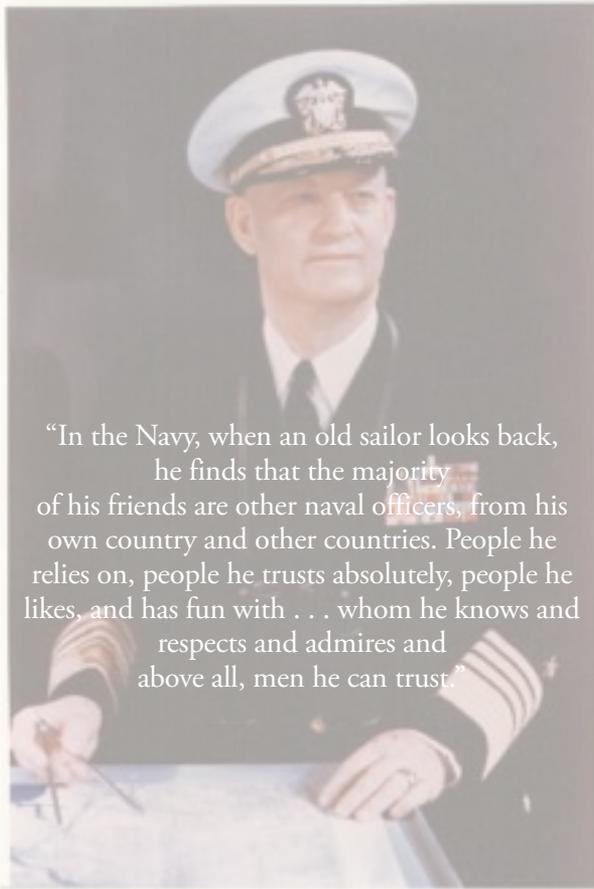
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“In the Navy, when an old sailor looks back,
he finds that the majority
of his friends are other naval officers, from his
own country and other countries. People he
relies on, people he trusts absolutely, people he
likes, and has fun with . . . whom he knows and
respects and admires and
above all, men he can trust.”

Admiral Arleigh Burke



President, Naval War College



Throughout our 130-year history, the U.S. Naval War College has educated and enhanced the leadership skills of men and women of character in the armed forces of the United States and of our trusted allies. An indication of the Naval War College's successes is found in our distinguished alumni, who have aspired to serve in significant positions of leadership around the world. This booklet identifies many who are still serving as flag and general officers, and ambassadors around the globe.

Participating in the Naval War College's demanding academic programs provides an extraordinary opportunity to learn the lessons of history while also anticipating the challenges ahead. For our students, graduation marks a beginning to their pursuit of lifelong professional learning. We are committed to helping our alumni stay connected with the college and with each other. Each one has access to our increasingly robust on-line resources and an open invitation to participate in conferences and events on our Newport campus as well as the Regional Alumni Symposia that are held annually in different regions of the world.

The global network of the Naval War College alumni is truly remarkable. Among the men and women who still serve in uniform or in government positions, thousands of others in industry, academia, and public service help solve the challenges that no one Navy or Nation's military can accomplish alone. It is hard to understate the importance of inter-personal relationships and the role they play in the promotion of international security cooperation.

In addition to the alumni listed on the following pages, our alumni roster of active duty officers includes: 269 international flag and general officers, 104 U.S. Navy admirals, 62 U.S. Army generals, 26 U.S. Marine Corps generals, 61 U.S. Air Force generals, 10 U.S. Coast Guard admirals, and 5 serving U.S. ambassadors.

I am proud of all of our incredible alumni, and I look forward to working with many of you to promote global stability and peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W E Carter, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

WALTER E. CARTER, JR.
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
President, Naval War College

BAHAMAS



Commodore Roderick Bowe

Commander, Royal Bahamas Defense Force

Commodore Roderick Bowe began his naval career as a Midshipman in 1982. He attended the prestigious Britannia Royal Naval College at Dartmouth, England. After his training, Midshipman Bowe returned to the Royal Bahamas Defense Force in 1983 and served as a Navigation Officer onboard HMBS Fort Charlotte and HMBS Marlin. After completing his sea duty assignment Midshipmen Bowe completed flight training at the Flight Safety Academy in Vero Beach, Florida and became a fully qualified commercial pilot. After receiving his commission, he was appointed as the Assistant Air Wing Commanding Officer and held various significant appointments ashore and at sea including duty as Base Executive Officer, Chief Staff Officer, Squadron Commanding Officer and Air Wing Commanding Officer. In addition, he served in a staff assignment as Research and Forward Planning Officer before being promoted to Commodore to lead the Royal Bahamas Defense Force as Commander Defense Force. Commodore Bowe graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1999.

BANGLADESH



Vice Admiral M Farid Habib

Chief of the Naval Staff, Bangladesh Navy

Vice Admiral M Farid Habib, NCD, PSC, BN joined the Bangladesh Navy in 1976 as an Officer Cadet. Upon completing his training, he graduated with distinction from the International Midshipman Course in Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, United Kingdom in 1977 and thus earned his commission. He has commanded various ships and shore commands throughout his naval career and received specialized training while serving in Australia, Pakistan, Mirpur, Dhaka, China, United Kingdom and United States. Admiral Habib completed his specialization in Navigation and Direction in Pakistan and graduated from the Command and Staff College in Dhaka. Admiral Habib graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1989.

BANGLADESH



Rear Admiral Kazi Sarwar Hossain
Director General of Bangladesh Coast Guard

Rear Admiral Hossain is a veteran naval commando who was commissioned in 1980 after graduating from United Kingdom's Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth. He then attended Basic Underwater Demolition training at U.S. Navy SEAL Training School in San Diego, California and earned his Golden Trident in 1983. He is a graduate of DSCSC, Mirpur and DSCSC in Wellington, India. Rear Admiral Hossain has commanded combat ships in the Bangladesh Navy, has served as Commanding Officer of a training base and performed duties as Senior Instructor (Navy) at the DSCSC. He served with distinction as Area Commander of the Khulna Naval Area with the title of Commodore Commanding Khulna (COMKHUL). Rear Admiral Hossain graduated from the Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 2000.

BELIZE



Captain John Borland

Belize Coast Guard as the Commandant

Captain John Borland joined the Belize Defense Force in 1987 and was commissioned upon graduation from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst in the United Kingdom in 1992. After serving two tours in the Infantry as Platoon and Company Commander he specialized in Maritime Operations in the Maritime Wing. There he held numerous appointments afloat and ashore including Commander of Fast Patrol Boat Toledo. He took command of the Maritime Wing in 2003 and was instrumental in the transformation of that unit into the Belize Coast Guard in 2005 where he became the Vice Commandant. Captain Borland graduated from the World Maritime University Malmo, Sweden in 2007 where he earned a Master's degree in Maritime Affairs. He was promoted to Captain August 2009 the same day he assumed command of the Belize Coast Guard as the Commandant. Captain Borland graduated from the Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 2012.

BOLIVIA



Admiral Hugo Gonzalo Contreras Llanos *Bolivian Navy Commander*

Admiral Hugo Gonzalo Contreras Llanos graduated from the Naval Military School in the plurinational State of Bolivia and the Naval School of the Republic Argentina. Among his many significant assignments, he has served as Director of Information Technology of the Bolivian Navy, Liaison Officer to the Embassy of the United States, UU. In Bolivia, Head of Corps of the Military Naval School, Chief of Staff of the Fifth Naval District “Santa Cruz,” Commander of the Group of task Ribereño “Bolivia” in Unitas, Commander of the Fourth District Naval “Titicaca,” Director General of Education and Naval Colleges, Head of State Major General of the Bolivian Navy, Commander General of the Bolivian Navy, and Professor of the school of Naval War. Admiral Contreras Llanos graduated from the Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 2004.

CAPE VERDE



Lieutenant Colonel António Duarte Monteiro *Commandant of Cape Verde Coast Guard*

Lieutenant Colonel António Duarte Monteiro graduated from the Naval Academy in Baku, Azerbaijan in 1990. Among his many significant assignments, he has served as Commanding Officer in coastal and off-shore patrol boats. After graduation from the World Maritime University in Malmo, Sweden, he was assigned as Naval Squadron Commandant from 2006 to 2009. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in October, 2009 and was named Commandant of the Cape Verde Coast Guard in November, 2009. Lieutenant Colonel Monteiro graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1996.

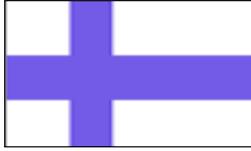
CROATIA



Rear Admiral Robert Hranj *Commander of the Croatian Navy*

Rear Admiral Robert Hranj graduated from the Naval Academy (Artillery/ Missile) Basic Officer Course in 1985. He has held numerous assignments to include Commanding Officer of Fast Attack Craft Šibenik, Croatian Navy, Defense Attaché to the United States, Head of Bilateral Office, Defense Policy, MOD, Head of NATO/PfP Department, Defense Policy, MOD, Commandant of Naval Training and Education Command, Head of NATO/PfP Department, Acting Assistant MOD for Defense Policy, Director of NATO/PfP Directorate, MOD, and Deputy Military Representative to NATO. Rear Admiral Robert Hranj was promoted to Rear Admiral during 2011. Rear Admiral Robert Hranj was assigned to Commander of the Croatian Navy November 1, 2012. Rear Admiral Robert Hranj graduated from Naval Command College at Naval War College in 2004.

FINLAND



Veli-Jukka Pennala

Commander in Chief, Finnish Navy

Commodore Veli-Jukka Pennala was appointed Commander in Chief of the Finnish Navy in September, 2011. He was formerly Chief of Staff of the Navy Command. He began his career upon graduation from the Naval Academy in 1978. His command and operational assignments at sea and ashore include service in fast patrol missile boats and at all levels of the operational command. He commanded a fast patrol boat, served as Commanding Officer of a missile boat squadron and, in senior leadership, was Commanding Officer of the Finnish Navy Archipelago Sea Naval Command.

In 1987 Commodore Pennala attended the National Defense College and from 1999–2001 he was a teacher at that same prestigious institution. In 2005, he was promoted to Commodore and became Chief of Staff, Navy Command Finland in 2006. He was awarded the *Commander of the Order of the Lion of Finland* in 2004 and the *Public Service Medal* in 2009. Commodore Pennala graduated from the Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 1999.

GABON



Rear Admiral Hervé Nambo Ndouany

Chief of Naval Staff, Gabon Navy

Rear Admiral Hervé Nambo Ndouany graduated from the Royal Naval School of Casablanca, Morocco in 1983 and completed the Application School for Naval Officers in France in 1984. He held numerous significant command and staff assignments in the Gabonese Navy from 1987 until the present including tours as Commanding Officer at sea and as the Naval Base Commander at Port Gentil. He also served as a Staff Officer at the Joint Staff Headquarters in Libreville, as the Gabonese Navy Fleet Commander, as a Technical Advisor for Naval Affairs for the Minister of Defense and as Director General of Employment, Training and International Relations. Rear Admiral Nambo Ndouany graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1993.

INDIA



Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi *Chief of Naval Staff*

Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi joined the Indian Navy as a Cadet in the Naval Academy January 1972 and was subsequently commissioned April 1974. Admiral Joshi commanded three frontline ships in the Western Fleet viz, the Missile Corvette Kuthar, the Kashin Class Destroyer Ranvir and the Aircraft Carrier Viraat. Admiral Joshi's instructional tenures include Defense Services Staff College, Wellington as Directing Staff as well as Senior Instructor (Navy), and as the Defense Advisor in Singapore, with concurrent accreditation to the Philippines. Admiral Joshi's staff appointments in the Naval Headquarters include Assistant Chief of Personnel (Human Resources Development), Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Information Warfare and Operations), Assistant Chief of Carrier Projects and Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, Principal Staff Officer in Joint Staff at Headquarters Integrated Defense Staff, Commander-in-Chief of the joint services Andaman and Nicobar Command, Chief of the Integrated Defense Staff, and Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command. Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1997.

IRELAND



Commodore Mark Mellett

Flag Officer Commanding, Naval Services of Ireland

Commodore Mark Mellett joined the Navy in 1976. He graduated from the Irish Naval College and the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, England after which he was commissioned and qualified as an Operations Branch Officer. His initial sea duty was onboard the Irish Naval Flagship “Le Eithne” as Gunnery Officer. Later, he served in various assignments aboard the ship “Le Orla” and “Le Ciara.” During his major command tour, he served as Commanding Officer of the Irish Navy Flagship “Le Eithne.” Significant shore assignments included duty at the main Naval Headquarters, at the Naval Operations and Support Command and as a key member of the Navy’s re-organization team. Additionally, he served as Head of Naval Plans and Policy, at the Naval College and as Associate Head of the National Maritime College of Ireland. Commodore Mellett is a graduate of the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1999.

JAMAICA



Lieutenant Commander David Chin Fong
Commanding Officer,
Jamaica Defense Force Coast Guard

Lieutenant Commander David Chin Fong was commissioned upon completing the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, United Kingdom in 1991. At sea, he has held appointments as Navigating Officer, Administrative Officer and Weapons Officer. Also, he served as Commanding Officer of a shore station. Lieutenant Commander Chin Fong served in command of Her Majesty's Jamaica Ships and completed numerous deployments and operations both in coastal waters and overseas. After serving as Executive Officer of the Coast Guard, he assumed his current appointment as Commanding Officer in November, 2010. Lieutenant Commander Chin Fong graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 2005.

JAPAN



Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano

Chief of Staff, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano graduated from Japan's National Defense Academy in 1977. Significant assignments during his early career include service as Commanding Officer, JS Ohyo-do; Operations and Plans Department, MSO; Staff Escort Division 1; Coordinator Operations and Plans Division, Operations and Plans Department, MSO; Commander Escort Flotilla 3; Chief of Staff, Commandant Sasebo District; Comptroller, MSO; Director Operations and Plans Department, MSO; Commander Mine Warfare Force; Commander Fleet Escort Force; Vice Chief of Staff, Joint Staff; Commander-in-Chief, and Self Defense Force. Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano graduated from the Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 1997.

KOREA

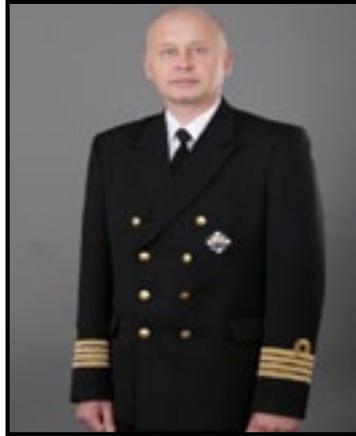


Admiral Yoon-Hee Choi

Chief of Naval Operations, Republic of Korea Navy

Admiral Yoon-Hee Choi began his military career upon entering the ROK Naval Academy and was commissioned in 1977. He has held numerous assignments in the Republic of Korea Navy including a tour as Commanding Officer afloat in 1998 to 1999. He served as National Defense Officer, Office of Chief of Staff, The Blue House; Assistant Chief of Staff (N-3 Operations) for the Fleet Commander; Commander, Component Flotilla Five; Commander Midshipmen Cruise Training Group; Commandant of Midshipmen, Korean Naval Academy; Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Personnel; Superintendent, Korean Naval Academy; and Vice Chief of Naval Operations. In 2010, he was named Vice Chief of Naval Operations. While serving in that capacity in 2001, he was selected as the 29th Chief of Naval Operations, Republic of Korea Navy. Admiral Choi graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1987.

LATVIA



Captain Rimants Strimaitis *Commander of Latvian Naval Forces*

Captain Rimants Strimaitis was commissioned in 1994 upon graduation from the Latvia Military School. He has held diverse assignments both afloat and ashore. His significant assignments include Executive Officer of a Mine Sweeper in 1995 and Commanding Officer of the Latvian Naval Training Center in 2002. Assignments ashore include duty as Chief of Naval Personnel for the Latvian Navy and Chief of Personnel for the Armed Forces Joint Staff from 2007–2008. He served as a primary Action Officer with Latvian delegation to NATO from 2004–2007. He was appointed as “Acting” Chief of Naval Operations of the Latvian Navy in 2009 and became the permanent Chief of Naval Operations in April, 2010. Captain Strimaitis graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 2001.

LATVIA



Colonel Aivars Mezors
Commander, Latvian Air Force

Colonel Aivars Mezors has enjoyed a distinguished career in the Latvian military. His significant assignments include duty at the Rezeknes Regional Aeroclub as an Instructor Pilot, as Commander and Senior Pilot at the Rezeknes National Guard Aviation Unit, as Commander of the Transport Plane Unit and as Chief of the International Cooperation Section at Latvian Air Force headquarters. He also commanded both the First Aviation Squadron and the Aviation Squadron of the Latvian Air Force. He served in the Foreign Study Group of the Training and Doctrine Command and as Head of the “Lielvarde” Project Section of the Joint Headquarters. Colonel Mezors has senior staff experience in air logistics and service as a Senior Expert in Defense Capability Development studies at the Ministry of Defence. His early military training included study at Yeysk Military Aviation Higher School. In the United States, he attended the U.S. Air Force Air Command and Staff College in 2003 and graduated from the Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 2006.

LEBANON



Rear Admiral Villa Nazih Jbaily *Commander in Chief of the Lebanese Navy*

Rear Admiral Villa Nazih Jbaily graduated from the LAF Military School Lebanon in 1985. His assignments include Executive Officer, Base Diving Officer, Vehicles Maintenance Officer and Commanding Officer of a Landing Craft ship. Other assignments include Protection and Defense Company Commander, Workshops Commander, Deputy Naval Base Commander, Liaison Officer and immediate interpreter during seminars held by United States military mobile teams in training of the Lebanese Navy, Head of the Joint Maritime Chamber in the north of Lebanon, Head of the Naval Equipment's Warehouses Service, Head of Naval Intelligence and Deputy Navy Commander, and Head of committees at the level of Navy or Lebanese Armed Forces. Rear Admiral Villa Nazih Jbaily graduated from Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1998 and Naval Command College Class of 2005.

LITHUANIA



Rear Admiral (L.H.) Kestutis Macijauskas *Commander in Chief of the Lithuanian Navy*

Rear Admiral Macijauskas was commissioned in 1984 after graduating from the Soviet Naval Academy in Kaliningrad. He served his first sea assignment with the Northern Submarine Fleet, serving as the Communications Officer onboard a strategic missile nuclear submarine. He served a follow-on tour as a submarine Department Head. When Lithuania achieved independence, he began to serve in the Lithuanian Navy with a first assignment as Chief of the Training Center. From 1997–99 he served as Commander of the Sea and Coast Surveillance Service. From 1999–2003 he was assigned as Commander in Chief of the Lithuanian Navy. Following this he attended the NATO Defence College in Rome, Italy. As a Rear Admiral, he executed duties as the Chief of Defense Staff of the Ministry of National Defense of Lithuania from 2008–10. In 2010 he was named Commander in Chief of Lithuanian Navy. Rear Admiral Macijauskas graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1995.

MALAYSIA



Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Bin Haji Jaafar *Chief of Navy, Royal Malaysian Navy*

Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Bin Haji Jaafar was commissioned in 1977 after attending the Royal Military College in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Admiral Jaafar has held three significant commands at sea, including a Fast Attack Boat, an Offshore Patrol Boat and the Missile Corvette KD Laksamana Muhammad Amin. Ashore, Admiral Jaafar commanded Naval Region 2 in Labuan and has held other key staff assignments. He was promoted to Admiral and assumed his current position in 2008. Admiral Jaafar graduated from the Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 1996.

MEXICO



Admiral Vidal Francisco Soberón Sanz

Secretary of Mexican Navy

Admiral Vidal Francisco Soberón Sanz graduated from the Heroic Military Naval School in 1970. His assignments after graduation consisted of Minesweeper “16,” Transportation Vessel “Usumacinta,” Coastguard Vessel “Ignacio L. Valarta,” Coastguard Vessel “Ignacia de la Llave,” Destroyer Vessel “Nezahualcoyotl” and Training Ship “Cuauhtemoc.” Admiral Vidal Francisco Soberón Sanz also served as Deputy Commander of the Third Fleet of Oceanic Ships, Deputy Commander of the Coatzacoalcos Marine Sector, Commander of the Pacific Naval Force Flotilla, and Commander of the Matamoros Naval Sector–Tamaulipas. Admiral Vidal Francisco Soberón Sanz has held positions as Assistant Chief of Naval Operations, Director of the School of Destroyer Vessels, Technical Director of the General Direction of Naval Communications, Private Secretary and Chief of Aide to the Secretary of the Navy. Admiral Vidal Francisco Soberón Sanz graduated from Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 2001.

MONTENEGRO



Commander Darko Vukovic, MNE N *Commander-in-Chief of the Montenegrin Navy*

Commander Darko Vukovic graduated from the Naval Academy in Split, Croatia in 1992. He has held numerous assignments at sea including Principal Warfare Officer and Executive Officer onboard Missile Boats OSA-1 Class; he also served as Commanding Officer onboard Missile Boat RC-304, Fast Attack Missile Craft RTOP-404 “Koncar Class,” and “Training Ship JADRAN.” Other sea command includes the Frigate “RF-31” (Split Class), Frigate RF-33 (Kotor Class). Commander Darko Vukovic was appointed as the first Montenegro Partner Liaison Team (PLT) at the Military Cooperation Division in SHAPE Mons, Belgium. His significant shore assignments include Head of Department for Development and Mil-to-Mil Cooperation (J-5) within Montenegro General Staff and Deputy Commander in Chief of the Montenegrin Navy. Commander Darko Vukovic graduated from Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 2011.

MOROCCO



Rear Admiral Mohamed Laghmari

Inspector of the Royal Moroccan Navy

Rear Admiral Mohamed Laghmari graduated from the French Navy School in Brest in 1969. Significant assignments during his early career include service as Executive Officer of the patrol boat AL BACHIR, Commanding Officer of four ships of the Moroccan Navy: the patrol ship ESSABIQ, the Landing Ship LT MALGHAGH, the Coastal Escort Ship LT RIFI and Batral Class Ship ABOU ABDELLAH AL AYACHI. Ashore, he excelled as Commanding Officer of the 3RD Naval Base (Dakhla). Subsequently, he served as Commanding Officer of a Discubierta Class Corvette, the LT COL ARRAHMANI. Rear Admiral Laghmari has held positions as Chief of the Detection and Telecommunications Division, Chief of the Supply and Program Division at the Royal Moroccan Navy Headquarters and Chief of First Bureau of the General Armed Forces Headquarters. Rear Admiral Laghmari graduated from the Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 1991.

NIGERIA



Vice Admiral Dele J. Ezeoba *Chief of the Naval Staff*

Vice Admiral Dele Ezeoba began his military career at the Nigerian Defense Academy Kaduna. He also attended the Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth UK, INS VENDURUTHY Kochi India; Armed Forces Command and Staff College Jaji-Nigeria; the U.S. Naval War College, Newport and the National Defence College Abuja. Vice Admiral Dele Ezeoba has held numerous command appointments in the Nigerian Navy which include Commanding Officer NNS YOLA, NNS BRASS, NNS EKPE and the Nigerian Navy Flagship NNS ARADU. His shore commands include Nigerian Navy premier training institution; NNS QUORRA, Command Operations Officer Eastern Naval Command and Principal Staff Officer Administration, Armed Forces Command and Staff College (AFCSC) Jaji-Nigeria, Director of Operations Naval Headquarters, Directing Staff at the National Defense College, Director of Training, Defense Headquarters and member, Armed Forces Transformation Committee. Vice Admiral Dele Ezeoba graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College 1992.

OMAN



Rear Admiral Abdullah Bin Khamis Bin Abdullah Al Raisi

Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman

Rear Admiral Abdullah Bin Khamis Bin Abdullah Al Raisi was commissioned into the Royal Navy of Oman in 1981 after attending the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, England. He has held numerous assignments afloat including as Commanding Officer of the RNOV Mabrukah. Ashore, he has served as Commander of the Al Battnah Naval Area as well as Commander of the Said Bin Sultan Naval Base. He was promoted to Rear Admiral and named Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman in 2008. Rear Admiral Al Raisi graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1990.

SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS



Lieutenant Colonel Patrick E. Wallace

Commander St. Kitts Nevis Defense Force

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick E. Wallace enlisted in the Regular Corps of the St. Kitts Nevis Defense Force (SKNDF) and served with that unit until it was disbanded in 1981, at which time he transferred to the Royal St. Christopher (St. Kitts) Nevis Police Force. Lieutenant Colonel Wallace was transferred to the Police Marine Unit in 1984 and later was sent to the United States Coast Guard Candidate School in Yorktown Virginia for basic officer training. Upon his return to St. Kitts he was assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter STALWART serving on the Cutter as the 1st Lieutenant, Navigation Officer, Executive Officer and Commanding Officer. Lieutenant Colonel Wallace completed the Canadian Coast Guard College Patrol Craft Commander Course in 1988 and in 1994 graduated with distinction from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College.

SAUDI ARABIA



Admiral Dakheel Allah Al-Wagdani *Commander, Royal Saudi Naval Forces*

Admiral Dakheel Allah Al-Wagdani graduated from the Pakistan Naval Academy in 1969. He has held numerous assignments in the Royal Saudi Naval Forces including several tours as Commanding Officer afloat in various ships from 1978 to 1981. He served as Director of Operations at the King Abdulaziz Naval Base in Jubail and later as Director of Operations and Plans. Admiral Al-Wagdani was assigned as Royal Saudi Naval Forces Chief of Staff for Operations in 1990 and assumed command of the West Fleet in 1999. After serving as Deputy Commander of Royal Saudi Naval Forces since 2006, he was named the Commander of Royal Saudi Naval Forces in 2010. Admiral Al-Wagdani graduated from the Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 1987.

SEYCHELLES



Lieutenant Colonel Michael Anselme Marc Rosette

Commanding Officer of the Seychelles Coast Guard

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Anselme Marc Rosette joined the Seychelles Coast Guard in December 1982. He then attended the French Navy Hydrographic School in Brest France and qualified as Hydrographer Class B. Lieutenant Colonel Rosette has completed numerous studies in Hydrography and Cartography and served in a top leadership position as Head of the Coast Guard Hydrographic Brigade of the Seychelles. Lieutenant Colonel Rosette graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1999.

SINGAPORE



Teo Chee Hean

Deputy Prime Minister,

Coordinating Minister for National Security, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister in charge of the Civil Service

Teo Chee Hean was appointed Deputy Prime Minister on 1 April 2009 and also serves as head of three other ministries. He began his career in the Singapore Navy where he held many naval command and joint staff appointments. In 1973, he graduated from the Singapore Armed Forces Training Institute. Upon commissioning, he was awarded the President's Scholarship and the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Scholarship. He earned a Bachelor of Science (First Class Honors) in Electrical Engineering and Management Science from the University of Manchester in 1976. Later, he attained a Master of Science degree (with distinction) in Computer Science in 1977 at the Imperial College and a Masters in Public Administration at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1986, where he was named a Littauer Fellow. In 1991, he was appointed Chief of Navy, and was promoted to Rear Admiral.

In 1992, after this successful top leadership assignment, he retired from the navy and continued serving his country by seeking public office. He was elected as a Member of Parliament and appointed to several key ministerial positions. He has served as the Minister for Defense, Minister for Education and the Minister for the Environment. He graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1982.

SINGAPORE



Lui Tuck Yew

Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr. Lui Tuck Yew was appointed Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs in May, 2011. He was formerly Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts from November, 2010 to May, 2011. He began his career in the military as a Singapore Armed Forces (Overseas) scholar. In 1983, he earned a degree in Chemistry from Trinity College in the United Kingdom. He then served in many command and staff positions in the Navy. In 1999, he was promoted to Rear Admiral and took command as Chief of the Singapore Navy. He was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Gold) (Military) in 2000.

Upon military retirement in 2004, Mr. Lui continued to serve his country and was appointed Deputy Secretary (Land), Ministry of Transport a post he held concurrently with an appointment as Chief Executive of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore. He joined the Housing and Development Board (HDB) as Chief Executive Officer and was appointed a Board Member in 2005. In 2006, he was elected a Member of Parliament and later was appointed Minister of State in the Ministry of Education. In 2008, he became Senior Minister of State at the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts. He was appointed as Acting Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts in April 2009. Mr. Lui graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1989.

SINGAPORE



Rear Admiral Ng Chee Peng

Chief of Navy, Republic of Singapore Navy

Rear Admiral Ng Chee Peng joined the Singapore Armed Forces in December 1988 and was awarded the President's and Singapore Armed Forces Overseas Scholarship in 1989. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honors First Class) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University in the United Kingdom as well as a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. His previous appointments include successful tours at sea as Commanding Officer of the Singapore Navy ship RSS Victory and as Commanding Officer of the Missile Corvette Squadron. He also served as Commander, First Flotilla. Ashore, he was Director (Policy) in the Ministry of Defense. As a Senior Officer, he served as the Fleet Commander, Chief of Staff and as Chief of Staff, Joint Staff. Rear Admiral Ng graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1998.

SURINAME



Lieutenant Colonel Marino Acton

Commander of the Suriname Navy

Lieutenant Colonel Marino Acton began his naval career in 1975 and was promoted to the officer corps in 1990. He has held numerous military appointments including as Squad Leader, Platoon Leader, Ship's Master of a coastal patrol boat, Ship's Master of a seagoing patrol boat, Commander of the Sailing Department and Deputy Commander of the Navy. After a distinguished career, Lieutenant Colonel Acton assumed duty as Navy Commander on July 3, 2009. Lieutenant Colonel Acton graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 2009.

SWEDEN



Rear Admiral (LH) Jan Thörnqvist *Chief of Staff of the Royal Swedish Navy*

Rear Admiral Jan Thörnqvist joined the Royal Swedish Navy in 1976 and served as a basic Private and Petty Officer in various types of ships including Minesweepers, Destroyers, Fast Patrol and Picket Boats. In 1981, he entered the Naval Academy and graduated in 1982. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant Junior Grade and moved immediately to complete the Principal Warfare Officer training course. His significant tours include duty as 2nd Officer on mine warfare ship, aboard the Swedish icebreaker HSwMS Thule and service aboard several mine countermeasures ships. In addition, he is a qualified mine clearance diver and a former instructor at the Naval Mine Warfare School. He has had command at sea on two occasions, as Commanding Officer of the Diving Support ship HSwMS Skaftö and as Commanding Officer of the Naval MCM Divers Squadron. His other assignments include service as a Staff Officer at the Swedish Armed Forces Headquarters and as Head of Force Development, Plans and Policy at the Joint Staff Headquarters. He became Chief of Staff in 2011. Rear Admiral Thörnqvist graduated from the Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 2005.

TUNISIA



Rear Admiral Mohamed Khamassi

Chief of Naval Staff, Tunisian Navy

Rear Admiral Mohamed Khamassi graduated from the French Naval Academy in 1979. Since that time, he has held many complex assignments and commands of several fast patrol boats. His significant staff assignments ashore include command of Tunisian Navy operational divisions, naval bases and various assignments in main navy staff and the office of the Minister of Defense. In recognition of his outstanding abilities, he was appointed Chief of Staff in September 2010. Rear Admiral Khamassi graduated from the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in 1993.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



Brigadier Ibrahim Salim Mohamed Al-Musharrakh

Commander, United Arab Emirates Naval Forces

Brigadier Ibrahim Al-Musharrakh joined the Naval Forces of the United Arab Emirates in 1980. He graduated from the Britannia Royal Naval College in 1984 and was commissioned in the UAE Naval Forces. His initial operational assignments included duty as Navigator, Weapons Officer and Executive Officer afloat. In addition, he has served several times as Commanding Officer of UAE Naval Forces Missile Patrol Boats. As a Senior Officer, he was the Deputy Commander of the 1st and 2nd Flotillas, Commander of the Emirates Frigate and served as the Fleet Commander before becoming the Director of Logistics in 2006. He assumed his current position as Commander, United Arab Emirates Naval Forces in August 2008. Brigadier Al-Musharrakh graduated from the Naval Staff College and from the Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 1994 and 2004.

UNITED STATES ARMY

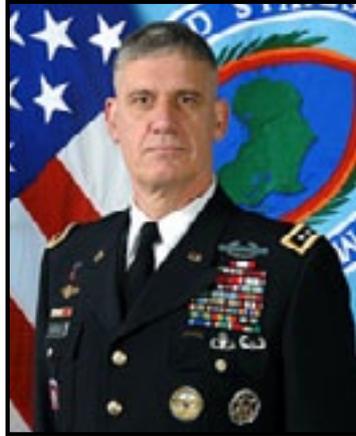


General Raymond T. Odierno

Chief of Staff, U.S. Army

General Raymond T. Odierno attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1976 with a commission in Field Artillery. General Odierno has commanded units at every echelon, from platoon to theater, with duty in Germany, Albania, Kuwait, Iraq, and the United States. General Odierno service to U.S. Army Europe, serving as a Battalion Executive Officer and Division Artillery Executive Officer including deployment for Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. He commanded 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, 7th Infantry Division, and the Division Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division. From October 2001 to June 2004, General Odierno commanded the 4th Infantry Division, leading the Division during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM from April 2003 to March 2004. He also served as Commanding General, Multi-National Corps–Iraq (III Corps) as the operational commander of the surge of forces. Later, he served as the Commanding General, Multi-National Force–Iraq and subsequently United States Forces–Iraq. Most recently he commanded United States Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM). General Odierno graduated from the College of Naval Command and Staff at the Naval War College in 1990.

UNITED STATES ARMY



General David M. Rodriguez

Commander, United States Africa Command

General Rodriguez was commissioned from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in 1976. General Rodriguez currently serves as the Commander, United States Africa Command (AFRICOM). Previously, he served as the 19th commander of the United States Army Forces Command. He has commanded at every level, his combat experiences include: G-3 Planner, XVIII Airborne Corps, Operation JUST CAUSE; Operations Officer, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM; Assistant Division Commander, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized); Commander, Multi-National Division Northwest; Special Assistant to the Commander, Multi-National Corps–Iraq; Commander, Joint Task Force–82 in Afghanistan; and Deputy Commander, United States Forces Afghanistan and Commander, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command. General Rodriguez holds a Masters of Military Art and Science from the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College. General Rodriguez graduated from the College of Naval Warfare at Naval War College in 1997.

UNITED STATES ARMY



General Robert W. Cone

*Commanding General of U.S. Army Training and
Doctrine Command*

General Robert W. Cone graduated from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned as an Armor Officer in June 1979. General Cone's assignment included: 2nd Armored Division; Cavalry Platoon Leader and Troop Executive Officer in 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, Aide-de-camp to the Assistant Division Commander, Battalion Motor Officer, and Command of Combat Service Support Company and Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 67th Armor. General Cone's deployment includes assignments in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, leading Joint Forces Command's Lessons Learned Collection Team, to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM as Commander, Combined Security Transition Command, and to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM/Operation NEW DAWN. General Cone attended the College of Naval Warfare at Naval War College in 1997.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



General C. Robert Kehler

Commander, U.S. Strategic Command

General C. Robert Kehler entered the Air Force in 1975 as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC program. General Kehler has commanded at the squadron, group, wing and major command levels. He commanded a Minuteman ICBM operations squadron at Whiteman AFB and the largest ICBM operations group at Air Force Space Command, and commanded both the 30th Space Wing at Vandenberg AFB, and the 21st Space Wing at Peterson AFB. He served as Deputy Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, and commanded Air Force Space Command and America's ICBM force. His staff assignments include wing level planning and tours with the Air Staff, Strategic Air Command Headquarters and Air Force Space Command, Secretary of the Air Force's Office of Legislative Liaison, and Director of the National Security Space Office. General Kehler graduated from the College of Naval Warfare at Naval War College in 1995.

UNITED STATES NAVY



Admiral James A. Winnefeld Jr.

Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Admiral James A. Winnefeld Jr. graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology and received his commission through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program. Admiral Winnefeld's command at sea include Fighter Squadron 211, USS *Cleveland* (LPD 7), USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65), Commander, Carrier Strike Group Two/*Theodore Roosevelt* Carrier Strike Group, he led Task Forces 50, 152, and 58 in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and maritime interception operations in the Arabian Gulf, and Commander, United States 6th Fleet; Commander NATO Allied Joint Command, Lisbon; and Commander, Striking and Support Forces NATO. His shore commands include Joint Staff Operations Directorate (J3) as senior aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and as Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Other commands include Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM). Admiral Winnefeld graduated from the College of Distance Education at Naval War College in 1994.

UNITED STATES NAVY



Admiral William E. Gortney

Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk

Admiral William E. Gortney entered the Navy as an Aviation Officer Candidate, received his commission in the United States Navy Reserve September 1977. Admiral Gortney commanded on three occasions in the U.S. Central Command area of operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. These included U.S. Naval Central Command/ U.S. 5th Fleet/Combined Maritime Forces, NSA Bahrain, Carrier Strike Group 10, onboard USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75), Carrier Air Wing 7, onboard USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV 67). Additional commands include VA-82, VFA-87, VFA-132, VFA-15 and Deputy Commander, Carrier Air Wing 7. Shore commands include VT-26, VFA-125, Aide and Flag Lieutenant to the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations, Joint Staff, J-33 Joint Operations Department CENTCOM. Admiral Gortney graduated from the College of Naval Warfare at Naval War College in 1996.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



Admiral Robert J. Papp Jr.
Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

Admiral Robert J. Papp Jr. graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1975. Additionally, he holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College and a Master of Science in Management from Salve Regina College. Admiral Papp has served in six Coast Guard Cutters, commanding four of them: RED BEECH, PAPA W, FORWARD, and the training barque EAGLE. Admiral Papp served as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area, where he was operational commander for all U.S. Coast Guard missions within the eastern half of the world and provided support to the Department of Defense; as Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard and Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Headquarters; as Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District; as Director of Reserve and Training. Admiral Papp graduated from the College of Naval Command and Staff at Naval War College in 1990.

UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR



Ambassador Maura Connelly

United States Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon

Ambassador Connelly received a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and a Master in National Security Studies from the U.S. Naval War College. Ambassador Connelly first went to Washington, DC to serve as a Page in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1975–1977. Maura Connelly is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service and most recently served in the Bureau of Near Easton Affairs as Deputy Assistant Secretary responsible for the Levant and Egypt. Other assignments include; Chargé d'affaires of the U.S. Embassy in Damascus, Syria, Political Minister-counselor at the U.S. Embassy in London, U.K., Deputy Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem, and Political Section Chief. She also served as the Deputy Counselor for Political Affairs for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York. Her overseas assignments included Jordan, Algeria and South Africa. Ambassadore Connelly graduated from the College of Naval Warfare at Naval War College in 2001.

UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR



Ambassador Helen Reed-Rowe

Embassy of the United States Koror, Palau

Ms. Helen Reed-Rowe earned a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland. Ms. Helen Reed-Rowe is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service and was sworn in as Ambassador to the Republic of Palau in September 2010. Ms. Reed-Rowe served as Senior Advisor to the Office of Performance Evaluation in the Department of State and as a Foreign Affairs Advisor from the Department of State to the Avian Influenza Action Group. Her Washington assignments include management positions in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Bureau of European Affairs and the Overseas Building Operations. She served as a Desk Officer in the Bureau of African Affairs and an Examiner on the Board of Examiners in the Bureau of Human Resources. She served a one year assignment on Capitol Hill as a Pearson Fellow. Her overseas assignments include Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Island and Supervisory Management positions in U.S. Embassies Jamaica, Ecuador and Niger. Ambassador Reed-Rowe graduated from the College of Naval Warfare at Naval War College in 2008.

UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR



Ambassador Robert E. Patterson Jr.

U.S. Ambassador to Turkmenistan

Robert E. Patterson Jr. received a B.A. Degree from Reed College, and M.A. and M. Phil Degrees from Columbia University, as well as an M.A. from the U.S. Naval War College. Ambassador Patterson served in the U.S. Air Force and was Honorable Discharged in 1974. Ambassador Patterson is a career officer in the Senior Foreign Service. He has held foreign assignments in Central and Eastern Europe, the North Caucasus, Russia, the USSR, and East Africa. His other assignments include Counselor for Somalia Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya. He also served as Chief of the Political/Internal Office in Moscow, and as head of the political section at U.S. Embassies in Hungary, Ukraine, and Armenia. Ambassador Robert Patterson was sworn in as the U.S. Ambassador to Turkmenistan in April 2011. Ambassador Patterson graduated from the College of Naval Warfare at Naval War College in 2002.

UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR



Ambassador Thomas Hart Armbruster

U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Mr. Thomas Hart Armbruster earned a Bachelor's Degree from McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland and a Master's Degree in Conflict resolution from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and a Masters from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Ambassador Armbruster served as Diplomat in Residence in New York City from 2010 until 2012, was Consul General in Vladivostok, Russia, Deputy Chief of Mission in Dushanbe, Tajikistan and Consul General in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Ambassador Armbruster's other assignments include Helsinki, Havana and Moscow, Polar Affairs Officer in Washington, DC and was the Chief U.S. Negotiator for an emergency response treaty with Russia. Ambassador Armbruster led trade and counternarcotics missions to Afghanistan. Ambassador Armbruster graduated from the College of Naval Warfare at Naval War College in 2004.

UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR



Ambassador Christopher J. Marut *Director of the American Institute in Taiwan*

Mr. Christopher J. Marut was educated at the University of Notre Dame where he received his BBA in Finance and Business Economics, and at the University of California, Berkeley, where he received an MBA. He also studied at the College of Naval Warfare in Newport, Rhode Island, where he received a Masters in National Security and Strategic Studies. Ambassador Marut has served over 27 years of his career in the Foreign Service; he has a deep understanding of Asian affairs, including U.S.–Taiwan relations. Ambassador Marut’s most recent assignment at the Department of State was Director of the Office of Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island Affairs in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP), where he served as one of the key advisers on U.S. policy in the Asia-Pacific region. Prior assignments include Deputy Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong, Director of the EAP Office of Regional and Security Policy in Washington, Deputy Director for Economics in the State Department’s EAP Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs, Economic Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Malaysia, Economic Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong, Science and Technology Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, and Consular Officer and Science and Technology Officer at AIT. Ambassador Marut graduated from the College of Naval Warfare at Naval War College in 2002.

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