

SECDEF Announces Flag Officer Nominations



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The Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced today that the President has made the following nominations:

Active O-8 Flag Officer Nominations

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Mark D. Behning has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Behning is currently serving as director, Undersea Warfare Division, N97, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Susan BryerJoyner has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. BryerJoyner is currently serving as deputy director, Command, Control, Communications, and Computers/Cyber, J6, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Thomas R. Buchanan has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Buchanan is currently serving as commander, Submarine Group TEN, Kings Bay, Georgia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Christopher J. Cavanaugh has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Cavanaugh is currently serving as commander, Submarine Group SEVEN/commander, Task Force SEVEN FOUR/commander, Task Force FIVE FOUR, Yokosuka, Japan.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Jennifer S. Couture has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Couture is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN, Everett, Washington.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) William R. Daly has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Daly is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group FIFTEEN, San Diego, California.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Dion D. English has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. English is currently serving as director, Supply, Ordnance, and Logistics Operations Division, N4L, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Erik J. Eslich has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Eslich is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group TWELVE, Norfolk, Virginia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Ronald A. Foy has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Foy is currently serving as commander, Special Operations Command Africa, U.S. Special Operations Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Patrick J. Hannifin has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Hannifin is currently serving as commander, Task Force SEVEN ZERO/commander, Carrier Strike Group FIVE, Yokosuka, Japan.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Gregory C. Huffman, has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Huffman is currently serving as U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Representative, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau/commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Marianas/commander, Joint Region Marianas, Guam.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Jeffrey J. Kilian has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear

admiral. Kilian is currently serving as commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Pacific/director, Fleet

Civil Engineer, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Kevin P. Lenox has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Lenox is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group THREE, Bremerton, Washington.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Oliver T. Lewis has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Lewis is currently serving as director, Strategic Integration, N2/N6T, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Marc J. Miguez has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Miguez is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group TWO, Norfolk, Virginia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Benjamin R. Nicholson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Nicholson is currently serving as commander, Expeditionary Strike Group TWO, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Elizabeth S. Okano has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Okano is currently serving as program executive officer for Integrated Warfare Systems, Washington, D.C.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Kurt J. Rothenhaus has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Rothenhaus is currently serving as chief of Naval Research, Arlington, Virginia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Carlos A. Sardiello has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Sardiello is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group ONE, San Diego, California.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Ralph R. Smith III has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Smith

is currently serving as deputy director, Operations, National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Maryland.

Navy Captain Lia M. Reynolds has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral and for assignment as Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy. Reynolds is currently serving as the Assistant Judge Advocate General, Operations and Management, Washington, D.C.

Reserve O-8 Flag Officer Nominations

The Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced today that the President has made the following nominations:

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Bradley D. Dunham has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Dunham is currently serving as reserve commander, Naval Air Force Reserve, San Diego, California.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Scott W. Ruston has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Ruston is currently reserve special assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Douglas W. Sasse III has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Sasse is currently serving as reserve director, Assessment Division, N81, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Gregory K. Emery has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Emery is currently serving as reserve commander, Navy Information Force Reserve, Washington, District of Columbia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Dennis E. Collins has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Collins is currently serving as reserve commander, Navy Expeditionary Logistics, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Luke A. Frost has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Frost is currently serving as reserve director, Reserve Warfare, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, District of Columbia.

Reserve 0-7 Flag Officer Nominations

Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced today that the President has made the following nominations:

Navy Reserve Captain Benjamin E. Baran has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Baran is currently serving as commanding officer, Navy Reserve U.S. Fleet Forces Command, N1, Norfolk, Virginia.

Navy Reserve Captain David N. Barnes has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Barnes is currently serving as deputy commander, Navy Reserve Region Readiness and Mobilization Command, Fort Worth, Texas.

Navy Reserve Captain Shawn G. Denihan has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Denihan is currently serving as chief engineer, Navy Reserve Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Maryland.

Navy Reserve Captain Michael L. Freiberg has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Freiberg is currently serving as regional commander, Navy Reserve Naval Information Force Reserve Headquarters, Suffolk, Virginia.

Navy Reserve Captain Reginald H. Hendrix has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Hendrix is currently serving as deputy commander, Maritime Expeditionary Security Group TWO, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Navy Reserve Captain Marcus J. Lockard Jr., has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half).

Lockard is currently serving as commanding officer, Navy Reserve Pacific Fleet Command, N3N5, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Navy Reserve Captain Ryan K. Mahelona has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Mahelona is currently serving as deputy chief of staff for Warfare Readiness and Integration, Navy Reserve, Naval Information Force Reserve Headquarters, Suffolk, Virginia.

Navy Reserve Captain Jason M. Naidyhorski has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Naidyhorski is currently serving as deputy commander, Navy Reserve Region Readiness and Mobilization Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

Navy Reserve Captain Troy S. Pugh has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Pugh is currently serving as commanding officer, Navy Reserve Indo-Pacific Command, J4 KIT, Camp Smith, Hawaii.

Navy Reserve Captain Katie F. Sheldon has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Sheldon is currently serving as commanding officer, Navy Reserve THIRD Fleet Headquarters, San Diego, California.