

# Three Nominated for Vice Admiral; Other Assignments Made



Rear Adm. Samuel J. Paparo salutes side boys aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower during a 2017 change-of-command ceremony. Paparo is set to become commander of U.S. Naval Forces, U.S. Central Command, commander of the U.S. 5th Fleet and commander of Combined Maritime Forces in Manama, Bahrain. U.S. Navy/Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Nathan T. Beard

ARLINGTON, Va. – Defense Secretary Mark Esper announced on June 16 that the president has made these nominations of U.S. Navy rear admirals to the rank of vice admiral:

- **Rear Adm. William J. Galinis** for appointment to the rank of vice admiral and assignment as commander of Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Galinis served as program executive officer for ships, Washington, D.C.
- **Rear Adm. Samuel J. Paparo Jr.** for appointment to the rank of vice admiral and assignment as commander, U.S. Naval Forces, U.S. Central Command; commander, U.S. 5th Fleet; and commander, Combined Maritime Forces, Manama, Bahrain. Paparo is serving as director of operations, J3, U.S. Central Command, Tampa, Florida.
- **Rear Adm. Jeffrey E. Trussler** for appointment to the rank of vice admiral and assignment as deputy chief of naval operations for information warfare, N2/N6, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and director of naval intelligence, Washington, D.C. Trussler served as director, future plans, N55, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

The Navy secretary and chief of naval operations announced the following assignments:

- **Rear Adm. Michael D. Bernacchi Jr.** will be assigned as director, plans and policy, J5, U.S. Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. Bernacchi served as commander, Submarine Group 10, Kings Bay, Georgia.
- **Rear Adm. Yvette M. Davids** will be assigned as chief of staff, U.S. Southern Command, Doral, Florida. Davids served as commander, Carrier Strike Group 11, Everett, Washington.
- **Rear Adm. Michael P. Holland** will be assigned as chief of staff, U.S. Northern Command/North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. Holland is currently serving as director, programming division, N80, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.
- **Rear Adm. William W. Wheeler III** will be assigned as chief of staff, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. Wheeler is serving as director, plans and policy, J5, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland.
- **Rear Adm. (lower half) Anne M. Swap**, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as director, National Capital Medical Directorate, Defense Health Agency, Washington, D.C. Swap is serving as commander, Naval Medical Forces Atlantic, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- **Rear Adm. (lower half) Joseph A. DiGuardo Jr.** will be assigned as commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC), Virginia Beach, Virginia, with additional duties as commander, NECC Pacific. DiGuardo is serving as deputy director of plans and policy for countering weapons of mass destruction, U.S. Special Operations Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.
- **Rear Adm. (lower half) Kevin M. Jones** will be assigned as director, Logistics Directorate, J-4, U.S. Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany. Jones is currently serving as commander, Defense Logistics Agency Distribution, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.
- **Rear Adm. (lower half) Pamela C. Miller** will be assigned

as fleet surgeon, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and command surgeon, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. Miller is serving as reserve fleet surgeon, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

- **Rear Adm. (lower half) Douglas C. Verissimo** is serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group 9, San Diego. Verissimo served as deputy director for operations, National Joint Operations Intelligence Center, Operations Team Two, J3, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
- **Rear Adm. (lower half) Michael J. Vernazza** will be assigned as commander, Naval Information Warfighting Development Center, Norfolk, Virginia. Vernazza is serving as deputy commander, 10th Fleet, Fort Meade, Maryland.
- **Rear Adm. (lower half) Darin K. Via** will be assigned as commander, Naval Medical Forces Atlantic, Portsmouth, Virginia. Via is serving as director, medical systems integration and combat survivability, N44, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.