

Vice Chief of Naval Operations

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Admiral Mark Ferguson

Following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy with the Class of 1978, Adm. Ferguson completed nuclear power training prior to entering the fleet as a surface warfare officer.

His afloat assignments include service on board USS *South Carolina* (CGN 37), USS *Fife* (DD 991) and USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69). He commanded the USS *Benfold* (DDG 65) and Destroyer Squadron 18.

In addition to various staff assignments, he served as a Special Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, in Mons, Belgium. He has also served as the assistant commander, Navy Personnel Command, chief of legislative affairs, and chief of naval personnel.

Ferguson holds a master's degree in computer science from the Naval Postgraduate School and completed a National Security Fellowship at the Harvard Kennedy School. His awards include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and various unit and campaign awards.



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