



# United States Navy Biography

## **Vice Admiral Philip Hart Cullom Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics**

A native of Flossmoor, Illinois, Vice Adm. Philip Cullom graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in Physics. He also holds a master's degree in business administration with distinction from Harvard Business School.

At sea, he has served at sea aboard USS *Truxtun* (CGN 35), USS *Jesse L. Brown* (FF 1089), USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69), and USS *Mobile Bay* (CG 53), participating in numerous exercises and counter-narcotics patrols as well as Operations Desert Storm and Southern Watch. During the Kosovo Crisis, he commanded USS *Mitscher* (DDG 57), deploying to the Mediterranean, Adriatic, and North Sea. As commander, Amphibious Squadron 3, he served as sea combat commander for the first Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG 1) in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and, subsequently, as chief of staff to Commander, 2nd Fleet/Striking Fleet Atlantic. Most recently, from June 2007 to August 2008, he commanded the Eisenhower and George Washington Strike Groups, as commander, Carrier Strike Group 8.

Ashore, he has served in technical, staff, policy, and strategy positions as shift engineer and staff training officer of the A1W nuclear prototype at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory; special assistant to the CNO's Executive Panel (OP-00K); and, branch head for Strategy and Policy (N513). Joint assignments have included defense resource manager within the J-8 Directorate of the Joint Staff; white house fellow to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget; and, director for Defense Policy/Arms Control on the National Security Council staff. He also held a personnel assignment, serving as the head of Officer Programs and Placement (PERS 424/41N) for all surface nuclear trained officers from late 2001 until 2003. Flag assignments ashore included Navy staff positions as director of Deep Blue; the Strategy and Policy (N5SP) Division; Fleet Readiness Division (N43); and, most recently, director, Energy and Environmental Readiness Division (N45) on the Navy Staff. In March 2012, he assumed his current duties as deputy chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics.

Cullom's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (six awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

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