

The logo features the United States Navy seal on the left, which includes an eagle with wings spread, holding an anchor, surrounded by the words "DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY" and "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". To the right of the seal, the words "United States Navy" are written in a blue serif font, and "Biography" is written in a larger, bold blue serif font. A blue horizontal line with an arrowhead pointing to the right is positioned below the word "Biography".

# United States Navy Biography

## Vice Admiral Richard W. Hunt Director, Navy Staff

Vice Adm. Hunt graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science in Bacteriology. He was commissioned in February 1976 through the Officer Candidate School Program in Newport, R.I. He attended the Naval Post Graduate School, receiving a Master of Science in Telecommunications Systems Management in March 1988.

Hunt served in USS *Sampson* (DDG 10), USS *Underwood* (FFG 36) and USS *Roark* (FF 1053). As commanding officer of USS *Crommelin* (FFG 37) from August 1993 to May 1995, deployed as part of the *Kitty Hawk* Battle Group in support of Korean Contingency Operations. Following his command tour, he served as assistant chief of staff for Operations and Plans for Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 2, deploying twice to the Mediterranean Sea/Arabian Gulf as part of the *George Washington* Battle Group. He served as commanding officer, USS *Philippine Sea* (CG 58) and air warfare commander for the *Enterprise* Battle Group from December 1999 to July 2001. In July 2005, he assumed command of Carrier Strike Group Six. Additionally, he served as commander, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, United States Central Command from April 2006 to February 2007; Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet from June 2009 to April 2011, and commander, Naval Surface Forces/Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet from June 2011 to July 2012. He became director, Navy Staff in August 2012.



Shore assignments include: assistant professor Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, The Ohio State University; communications systems officer for Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems Directorate (J6), Joint Staff; executive assistant to director Surface Warfare (N86); executive assistant to Deputy Chief of Staff of Naval Operations for Resources, Requirements and Assessments (N8), and Executive Assistant to Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. He additionally served as deputy director, Strategy & Policy, Joint Staff (J5) and director, Programming Division (N80), Navy Staff.

Personal decorations include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various service medals and unit awards.

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