



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Ronald A. Boxall Director, Surface Warfare (N96)

Rear Adm. Ronald A. Boxall is a native of Holland Patent, New York. He attended The Pennsylvania State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Science and was commissioned in 1984. He also attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he earned a Master of Science in Information Systems in 1991 and later attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, earning a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies in 1997.

At sea, Boxall has commanded two Aegis ships—the cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64), homeported in Mayport, Florida. During his seagoing career, he has made numerous deployments around the world from the Western Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans to the Baltic, Mediterranean and Caribbean Seas as well as combat operations in the Arabian Gulf and counter-narcotics operations off South America. He has also served as executive officer of USS Hue City (CG 66); combat systems officer on USS Simpson (FFG 56) and USS Ramage (DDG 61); and as a division officer on USS Merrill (DD 976) and USS Kinkaid (DD 965). He has been a former Pacific Fleet Shiphandler of the Year, and also fortunate to have been associated with outstanding crews who have earned four Battle “E” Awards.



Boxall has been assigned to several staff positions ashore. In 1999, he was assigned to the Naval Personnel Command as a placement officer and later deputy, Surface Officer Distribution Division (PERS-41B). In 2004, Boxall was assigned to The Joint Staff (J-8), where he served as the deputy and chief of the Joint Staff Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) Office, where he was selected as Action Officer of the Year. In 2007, he was the executive assistant to the director of Navy Warfare Integration (N8F). From June 2010 until May 2012, he was the executive assistant to the deputy chief of naval operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N8). From May 2012 to July 2013, Boxall served as the deputy director for Surface Warfare (N96B) on the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) staff. From July 2013 to October 2014, he served as the deputy director for Joint Strategic Planning in the Joint Staff (J-5). From October 2014 to July 2016 he served as commander, Carrier Strike Group 3.

He is currently serving as the director, Surface Warfare, OPNAV N96.

Boxall's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, as well as various campaign and unit awards.

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