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Vice Admiral Richard A. Brown
Commander, Naval Surface Forces/Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Vice Adm. Richard A. Brown is a native of Lowell, Massachusetts. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He holds a Master of Science in Operations Research from the Naval Post Graduate School and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Brown's sea tours include navigator and damage control assistant aboard USS Charles F. Adams (DDG 2); flag lieutenant for Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 12; operations officer aboard USS O'Bannon (DD 987); operations officer aboard USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55); executive officer aboard USS Mahan (DDG 72); commanding officer aboard USS The Sullivans (DDG 68); commanding officer aboard USS Gettysburg (CG 64); and commander, Carrier Strike Group 11.

Every year he commanded a Navy ship, his crew earned the Battle Efficiency Award. In 2009, Gettysburg also earned the Arizona Memorial Trophy.

Ashore, he served as flag secretary for the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic/Commander in Chief, United States Joint Forces Command; branch head for Surface Commander and Lieutenant Commander assignments, Navy Personnel Command, PERS 410; Strategy and Policy branch head for Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) N3N5IW; executive assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs); commanding officer, Surface Warfare Officers School Command and commander, Naval Service Training Command. His most recent assignment was commander, Navy Personnel Command and deputy chief of Naval Personnel.

Brown assumed the duties as commander, Naval Surface Forces/Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet in January 2018.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (six awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards) and Navy Achievement Medals (two awards).



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