

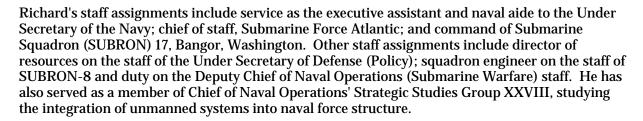
ADMIRAL CHARLES A. "CHAS" RICHARD Commander, U.S. Strategic Command

Adm. Chas Richard is a native of Decatur, Alabama and a 1982 graduate with honors from the University of Alabama. He earned master's degrees with honors from the Catholic University of America and the Naval War College.

His most recent assignment was commander, Submarine Forces, Norfolk, Virginia. Other flag assignments include deputy commander, U.S. Strategic Command, director of Undersea Warfare (OPNAV N97) at the Pentagon, deputy commander of Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike at U.S. Strategic Command, and command of Submarine Group 10, Kings Bay, Georgia.

His operational assignments include command of USS Parche (SSN 683); Submarine NR-1, the U.S. Navy's only nuclear-powered, deep-submergence submarine. He also served aboard USS Partements (SSN 707), USS Ashevilla (SSN 758), and USS S

USS Portsmouth (SSN 707), USS Asheville (SSN 758), and USS Scranton (SSN 756).



Richard assumed his current duties as commander, U.S. Strategic Command, in November 2019. He is responsible for one of 11 Unified Commands under the Department of Defense. USSTRATCOM is responsible for the global command and control of U.S. strategic forces to meet decisive national security objectives, providing a broad range of strategic capabilities and options for the President and Secretary of Defense.