

Vice Admiral Rick Cheeseman



Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Personnel, Manpower, and Training, N1, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and Chief of Naval Personnel

Vice Adm. Rick Cheeseman is a native of Carney's Point, New Jersey, and a 1989 graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Program. Cheeseman earned a Master's degree in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy from National Defense University's Joint Advanced Warfighting School in 2007.

A career Surface Warfare Officer, he served onboard guided missile cruisers, guided missile destroyers, guided missile frigates, fleet replenishment oilers, and various afloat staffs. His afloat commands include USS Bulkeley (DDG 84) and USS Monterey (CG 61). Ashore, he served overseas as the officer in charge of the Naval Forces

Korea Detachment in Chinhae, Republic of Korea, and as the Maritime Operations Center director for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet in Bahrain. In addition, he has served in a variety of manning/manpower tours, to include an assignment as deputy for Manpower, Training and Strategy at OPNAV N96 and as director, Surface Warfare Assignments (PERS-41).

As a flag officer, he recently served as commander, Carrier Strike Group TEN. Other tours include assignment as commander, Carrier Strike Group TWO and as assistant commander, Navy Personnel Command for Career Management (PERS-4).

Cheeseman assumed duties as the Navy's 60th Chief of Naval Personnel June 3, 2022. Serving concurrently as the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (manpower, personnel, training and education) (N1), he is responsible for the planning and programming of all manpower, personnel, training and education resources for the U.S. Navy. He leads more than 26,000 dedicated professionals engaged in the recruiting, talent management, training and development of over 400,000 Navy personnel. As the Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I) Officer for the Navy, he leads the development of initiatives to integrate and implement strategic DE&I initiatives into Department of Navy's culture, policies, programs and core functions. His responsibilities include overseeing Navy Recruiting Command, Navy Personnel Command and Naval Education and Training Command.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (five awards), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), and various unit and expeditionary awards.

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