



United States Navy Biography

Vice Admiral William A. Brown Deputy Commander, U.S. Transportation Command

Vice Adm. William A. Brown is the deputy commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. USTRANSCOM is the single manager for global air, land, and sea transportation for the Department of Defense.

Brown previously served as the USTRANSCOM director of Strategy, Policy, Programs, and Logistics (J5/4). Prior to his arrival at USTRANSCOM from Headquarters United States European Command, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany, Brown served as the director of Logistics (J4). He directed logistical support for U.S. forces assigned to the United States European Command theater of operations.



He previously served as commander, Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers, San Diego. Prior to assuming his position at COMFISCS, he served as the fleet supply officer at U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk.

Brown hails from Gloucester County, Va. A Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship student at Virginia Military Institute, he was commissioned in the Navy in May 1980. He received a master's degree in Business Administration from the Navy Postgraduate School in 1990 and attended Stanford Business School Executive Training Program in 2004.

Brown has served in a variety of sea and shore duty assignments providing him with extensive logistics and management expertise. His initial sea tour was aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), where he served as disbursing officer, wardroom officer, and stock control officer. He served as supply officer aboard USS Leftwich (DD 984) during Operation Nimble Archer and completed his sea assignments as supply officer aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73) during Operation Southern Watch in 2000.

Ashore, he was assigned to the Naval Air Systems Command; the former Naval Aviation Supply Office; Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Naval Supply Systems Command and commander, Naval Air Forces. During the initial phases of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, he was the operations director at the Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and various other decorations. He is a qualified Naval Aviation Supply Corps Officer and Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer. Rear Adm. Brown is a 1989 recipient of the Navy League's Vice Admiral Robert F. Batchelder Award.

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