

# Vice Admiral John D. Alexander



Vice Admiral John D. Alexander is a native of Port Neches, Texas. He was commissioned in December 1982 through the Aviation Officer Candidate program and designated a naval flight officer in November 1983. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Texas Tech University and a Master of Arts in Defense Studies from King's College, University of London as well as completing the Royal Naval Staff College Course, Greenwich (UK) and the U.S. Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program.

As a flag officer, he served as the director, maritime operations for U.S. Fleet Forces Command; commander, Battle Force U.S. 7th Fleet (CTF 70/CSG 5), forward deployed aboard USS [\*Ronald Reagan\*](#) (CVN 76) in Yokosuka, Japan; and as assistant commander for career management (PERS-4), Navy Personnel Command.

Command tours include the "Black Ravens" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 135; USS [\*Juneau\*](#) (LPD 10), forward deployed to Sasebo, Japan; and the aircraft carrier USS [\*Abraham Lincoln\*](#) (CVN 72).

Alexander completed sea duty assignments as an A-6E *Intruder* bombardier/navigator with Attack Squadrons (VA) 165 "Boomers," VA-155 "Silver Foxes" and VA-196 "Main Battery." Additional operational tours included the staff of Cruiser Destroyer Group 3 as well as executive officer of USS [\*Dwight D Eisenhower\*](#) (CVN 69).

Ashore, he served as executive assistant to the director, Joint Staff; as the aviation commander detailer (PERS-431); and as an A-6E instructor in VA-128 "Golden Intruders." In September 2017, he became the 29th commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet.

Alexander has accumulated more than 3,200 flight hours with over 700 carrier-arrested landings. He is a distinguished alumni and distinguished engineer at Texas Tech University. Personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit and other various campaign and service awards.

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