

# SECDEF Announces Navy Rear Admiral Nominations



Adm. James A. Aiken is one of 13 rear admirals to get a second

star, according to a new Pentagon announcement.

ARLINGTON, Va. – Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III announced Feb. 24 that the president has made the following nominations:

Rear Adm. (lower half) James A. Aiken for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Aiken is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group Three, Bremerton, Washington.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Michael E. Boyle for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Boyle is currently serving as director, maritime operations, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Keith B. Davids for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Davids is currently serving as commander, Special Operations Command South, U.S. Southern Command, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Leonard C. Dollaga for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Dollaga is currently serving as commander, Submarine Group Seven; commander, Task Force Seven Four; and commander, Task Force Five Four, Yokosuka, Japan.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Christopher S. Gray for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Gray is currently serving as commander, Region Europe, Africa, Central; and commander, Maritime Air Forces, Naples, Italy.

Rear Adm. (lower half) John E. Gumbleton for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Gumbleton is currently serving as deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for budget; and director, Fiscal Management Division, N82, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Sara A. Joyner for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Joyner is currently serving as chief of legislative affairs, Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. (lower half) James A. Kirk for appointment to the

rank of rear admiral. Kirk is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group Eleven, Everett, Washington.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Andrew J. Loisselle for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Loisselle is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group Four, Norfolk, Virginia.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Brendan R. McLane for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. McLane is currently serving as special assistant to commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Peter G. Vasely for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Vasely is currently serving as director for operations, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. (lower half) James P. Waters III for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Waters is currently serving as commander, Submarine Group Two, Norfolk, Virginia.

Rear Adm. (lower half) George M. Wikoff for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Wikoff is currently serving as special assistant to the deputy chief of naval operations for operations, plans and strategy, N3/N5, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

Capt. Christopher D. Alexander for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Alexander is currently serving as commanding officer, Surface Warfare Officer School Command, Newport, Rhode Island.

Capt. Sean R. Bailey for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Bailey is currently serving as chief of staff, Naval Air Force Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia.

Capt. Thomas R. Buchanan for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Buchanan is currently serving as commandant of midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Capt. Christopher J. Cavanaugh for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Cavanaugh is currently serving as director, submarine/nuclear officer distribution (PERS 42), Personnel Command, Millington, Tennessee.

Capt. Brad J. Collins for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Collins is currently serving as chief of staff, Installation Command, Washington, D.C.

Capt. Jennifer S. Couture for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Couture is currently serving as assistant chief of staff, Naval Surface Force, Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia.

Capt. William R. Daly for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Daly is currently serving as chief of staff, Naval Surface Forces/Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, San Diego, California.

Capt. Erik J. Eslich for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Eslich is currently serving as executive assistant, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

Capt. Ronald A. Foy for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Foy is currently serving as deputy commander, Naval Special Warfare Group, Dam Neck, Virginia.

Capt. Patrick J. Hannifin for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Hannifin is currently serving as director, aircraft carrier requirements, N98, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

Capt. Christopher A. Kijek for appointment to the rank of rear admiral (lower half). Kijek is currently serving as executive assistant, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii.