

 **United States Navy**  
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**REAR ADMIRAL CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER**  
**COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE AND MINE WARFIGHTING**  
**DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Rear Adm. Christopher Alexander, a native of Key West, Florida, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and earned a Master of Science in Operational Research from the Naval Postgraduate School.

At sea, he served as Damage Control Assistant aboard USS Wabash (AOR 5); Navigator aboard USS Reid (FFG 30); Operations Officer aboard USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51); Operations Officer for Destroyer Squadron 2; and Executive Officer of USS Hopper (DDG 70).

Ashore, Alexander served as the Maritime Operations Center director for U.S. 3rd Fleet; as Executive Assistant for Commander, Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet; as a legislative fellow; on the staffs of the Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Naval Operations; and on the Joint Staff.

Alexander commanded USS Sampson (DDG 102), USS Princeton (CG 59), and the Surface Warfare Schools Command. While in command, his Sailors earned Battle “E” Efficiency awards, Spokane Trophies, the Arizona Memorial Trophy, and the James F. Chezek Memorial Gunnery Award.

Alexander assumed the role of Commander, Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center in May 2021

