



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
2000 NAVY PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-2000

IN REPLY REFER TO  
30 Apr 04

Dear Mr. Chairman:

A nomination has been submitted by the President to the Senate for confirmation of the following named officer who was recently recommended for promotion to the permanent grade of rear admiral (lower half) by a selection board convened pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, section 624.

UNRESTRICTED LINE OFFICER

Mark W. Balmert

He has completed a full joint tour duty assignment.

Following confirmation, appointment will be made as a vacancy occurs in the grade of rear admiral (lower half).

Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. S. Erskine", is written over a horizontal line.

R. S. ERSKINE  
Director, Flag Officer  
Management and Distribution

The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

cc: The Honorable Ike Skelton  
Ranking Member  
House Armed Services Committee  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**TRANSCRIPT OF NAVAL SERVICE FOR  
REAR ADMIRAL (LOWER HALF) (SELECTEE) MARK WILLIAM BALMERT  
U.S. NAVY**

27 NOV 1954 Born in Fort Madison, Iowa  
 21 DEC 1977 Ensign  
 21 DEC 1979 Lieutenant (junior grade)  
 01 JAN 1982 Lieutenant  
 01 AUG 1987 Lieutenant Commander  
 01 MAR 1993 Commander  
 01 APR 1999 Captain, Service continuous to date

<u>ASSIGNMENTS AND DUTIES</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Surface Warfare Officers School Command Newport, RI (DUINS)	DEC 1977	JUL 1978
USS LYNDE MC CORMICK (DDG 8) (Main Propulsion Assistant)	JUL 1978	SEP 1981
Commander, SEVENTH Fleet (Assistant Fleet Scheduler)	OCT 1981	NOV 1983
Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA (DUINS)	NOV 1983	JUN 1985
Surface Warfare Officers School Command Newport, RI (DUINS)	JUN 1985	MAR 1986
USS FIFE (DD 991) (Engineer Officer)	MAR 1986	JUL 1988
Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA (DUINS)	JUL 1988	JAN 1989
Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command (Contingency Plans Officer)	JAN 1989	FEB 1991
XO, USS MERRILL (DD 976)	FEB 1991	JUN 1992
Commander, THIRD Fleet (Flag Secretary)	JUN 1992	FEB 1995
Commander, Destroyer Squadron THIRTEEN (Chief of Staff)	FEB 1995	SEP 1995
Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group FIVE (Assistant Operations Officer)	OCT 1995	JAN 1996
Senior Officer Ships Material Readiness Course, Newport, RI (DUINS)	JAN 1996	APR 1996
CO, USS CHANDLER (DDG 996)	APR 1996	DEC 1997
Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group ONE (Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans)	DEC 1997	SEP 1999
Commander, Navy Personnel Command (Surface Commander Assignment Branch Head) (PERS 410)	SEP 1999	MAY 2001
Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVEN	JUL 2001	MAY 2003
Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (Chief of Staff)	MAY 2003	TO DATE

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**MEDALS AND AWARDS**

Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars	National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Star
Defense Meritorious Service Medal	Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with one Gold Star	Southwest Asia Service Medal
Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with four Gold Stars	Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one Bronze Star
Meritorious Unit Commendation	Kuwait Liberation Medal
Navy "E" Ribbon	

**SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS**

BS (Chemical Engineering) University of Notre Dame, 1977  
MS (Financial Management) Naval Postgraduate School, 1985  
Designated Surface Warfare Officer, 1981  
Designated Joint Specialty Officer, 1989  
Graduate of Armed Forces Staff College, 1989

**PERSONAL DATA**

Wife: Chae Suk Kim of Chicago, Illinois  
Children: Emily C. Balmert (Daughter)  
Born: 13 July 1987

**SUMMARY OF JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS**

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command (Contingency Plans Officer)	JAN 89 – FEB 91	LT/ LCDR