



# United States Navy Biography

## Vice Admiral William R. Burke Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics (N4)

Vice Admiral Burke, a native of Hornell, N.Y., graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. In 1985, he completed an MBA at Marymount University. In 1999, he earned an MS in National Security Strategy at the National War College in Washington, D. C. He is a graduate of MIT Seminar 21 Program in International Politics.

His submarine assignments include USS *Lafayette* (SSBN 616), USS *Key West* (SSN 722), USS *Omaha* (SSN 692), USS *Cavalla* (SSN 684), and command of USS *Toledo* (SSN 769). He commanded Submarine Squadron 2 from July 2001 to July 2003.

His Washington D.C. shore assignments include a tour in chief of naval operations' Attack Submarine Division, assistant deputy for House Liaison in the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, chief of Training, Doctrine, and Assessment and assistant deputy director for Combating Terrorism (JCS J34), and head of Warfighting Assessments Branch (N812) followed by a tour as the executive assistant to the vice chief of naval operations.

Promoted to rear admiral in September 2005, his flag assignments include commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific / commander, Task Force 73 / commander Navy Region Singapore; director, Assessment Division (N81/N00X) and the director, Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR/N00X).

In April 2010 he was promoted to vice admiral and reported for duty as deputy chief of naval operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics (N4).

Burke wears the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medals (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards). While on board *Cavalla*, he received the Admiral Chick Clarey Award for the 1992 Outstanding Navy Officer Afloat from the Honolulu Council of the Navy League.

