



# United States Navy Biography

## Vice Admiral Michael C. Vitale Commander, Navy Installations Command

Vice Admiral Vitale received his commission upon his graduation from the Navy Reserve Officer Training Program in 1977 at the University of Louisville.

Vitale served in various leadership positions aboard USS *Reeves* (CG 24), USS *Comte De Grasse* (DDG 974), USS *Bainbridge* (CGN 25), USS *Yorktown* (CG 48) and Carrier Group 4. He served as commanding officer of USS *John S. McCain*, and commanded Destroyer Squadron 24 in Mayport, Fla.

As a flag officer, Vitale commanded Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. He also commanded the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* Carrier Strike Group (CSG 2) before assuming command of Navy Region Southeast.

Ashore, he has served in leadership positions at Navy Recruiting District Indianapolis, the Navy Mobile Recruiting Team located in Orlando, Fla., the Joint Chiefs of Staff directorate for plans and interoperability and the Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington as the director of Navy Senate Liaison.

Vitale has a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College in Washington.

In addition to various campaign and service decorations, Vitale has been awarded the Legion of Merit (with 5 Gold Stars), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with two Gold Stars), Navy Commendation Medal (with two Gold Stars), and the Navy Achievement Medal (with one Gold Star). Vitale is currently serving as Commander, Navy Installations Command, Washington, where he is responsible for all Navy installations and activities worldwide.



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