



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral James W. Kilby Director, Warfare Integration, N9I, OPNAV

Rear Adm. James Kilby is a native of Pound Ridge, New York, and a 1986 graduate of the United States Naval Academy.

A surface warfare officer, his initial sea tours were in USS Sampson (DDG 10), USS Philippine Sea (CG 58) and USS San Jacinto (CG 56). He commanded USS Russell (DDG 59) where he was awarded the Vice Adm. James B. Stockdale Award for inspirational leadership. His major command was on USS Monterey (CG 61) and included her maiden Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) deployment in 2011.

His shore tours included the Naval Postgraduate School, two tours in Office of the Chief of Naval Operations' (OPNAV) Surface Warfare Directorate, Navy Personnel Command's Surface Warfare Division (PERS-41) and the Aegis BMD Program Office in the Missile Defense Agency. He is a 2008 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI Fellow.

His first flag assignment was standing up Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC). Most recently, he served as commander, Carl Vinson Strike Group and deployed to the western pacific in 2017.

He currently serves as director, Warfare Integration, OPNAV, N9I.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and various other personal, unit and service awards.



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