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Captain David Adler Retires

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Adler was further cited for exemplary coordination with the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense, Surface Warfare Development Group and the Center for Surface Combat Systems in the development, testing and validation of complex multi-ship tactics, techniques and procedures for ballistic missile defense.

A native of Newport, R.I., Adler is the youngest son of retired Navy Capt. and Mrs. Robert E. Adler.

His career aboard some of the Navy's most advanced warships included tours in USS John Young, USS Stark, and commissioning crew of USS Gettysburg. He also was executive officer in USS Fitzgerald and commanded USS Doyle. Prior to joining NAMDC in March 2009, Adler commanded the guided missile cruiser USS Port Royal for 29 months.

His shore tours included serving as flag lieutenant to Commander, Naval Safety Center, and later as flag secretary for Commander, Third Fleet. Following Surface Warfare Officers School, he became lead department head instructor for Weapons, Anti Air Warfare, and Aegis Combat System training.

Adler additionally served at the Pentagon as assistant naval analyst and contingency plans officer overseeing all Pacific Command war plans, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense followed by assignment to the Navy Surface Warfare Directorate as Future Ships Branch Head.

A graduate of Texas A&M University, College Station, with a bachelor's degree in business administration, Adler was commissioned in 1982. He later earned a master's degree in national security affairs from the Naval War College in Newport. He also is an MIT Seminar XXI Fellow.