

**Vice Admiral Michael C. Vitale**  
**United States Navy, Retired**



Vice Admiral Vitale received his commission upon his graduation from the Navy Reserve Officer Training Program in 1977 at the University of Louisville. He retired in 2012 after 34 years of service.

VADM 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, Florida.

As a flag officer, he was the Commander of Navy Installations Command, commanded Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and 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, Florida, 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.

VADM 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.