



U.S. Strategic Command Biography



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Rear Admiral Curt Copley is the Director of Intelligence, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. He is the senior intelligence officer and principal intelligence advisor to the USSTRATCOM Commander.

Rear Admiral Copley began his naval career upon graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering as an intelligence officer.

His first assignment was to Strike Squadron (HSM) 151, embarked on USS Midway (CV 41). Following sea duty as assistant intelligence officer, Commander, Carrier Group 2 aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) and USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), Copley augmented Commander, 6th Fleet (C6F) just prior to Operation Allied Force. He has also served as Director of Intelligence for a Naval Special Warfare Group and deployed Joint Special Operations Forces. As Commanding Officer, Kennedy Irregular Warfare Center from December 2011 to August 2013, he provided intelligence support to Navy special warfare and expeditionary forces around the world.

Other assignments included duty on the Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Pacific staff, Lemoore, California; Fleet Ocean Surveillance Information Facility (FOSIF), Rota, Spain; Joint Analysis Center (JAC), Royal Air Force Base Molesworth, United Kingdom; U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany; Center of Naval Intelligence, Dam Neck, Virginia; Navy Staff as Information Dominance Corps (IDC) Integration Branch head; U.S. Central Command's, Director, Joint Intelligence Center and Deputy Chief, Special Collection Operations at National Security Agency, Fort Meade.

Copley graduated with highest distinction from the College of Naval Command and Staff (CNCS) in Newport, Rhode Island, where he was selected as an Associate Fellow to the Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Studies Group XX that developed an implementation framework for Network Centric Operations, FORCEnet. He returned to the Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Studies Group XXXIII in September 2013 as a fellow and developed operational concepts for expeditionary operations in 2030.

His personal awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (six), Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three), and Presidential Unit Citation, among other awards and campaign medals.

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