



# U.S. Strategic Command Biography

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## **Rear Admiral Michael Brookes**

### **Director of Intelligence, U.S. Strategic Command**

Rear Adm. Mike Brookes is the son of a career Naval officer and a 1987 graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He also holds a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. Brookes attended Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned in March 1989.

Brookes' operational tours include imagery intelligence officer for the Checkmates of Fighter Squadron (VF)

211 embarked aboard USS Nimitz (CVN-68); assistant intelligence officer (N21) for Cruiser-Destroyer Group One, embarked aboard USS Constellation (CV-64); assistant chief of staff for intelligence (N2) for Carrier Strike Group 7, embarked aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76); deputy director of intelligence (DJ2) for Joint Special Operations Command, where he deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan as director of intelligence (J2) for a joint special operations task force; and information warfare commander for Carrier Strike Group One, embarked aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70).

Ashore, Brookes served as international programs officer for N2 Directorate, U.S. Pacific Fleet; officer-in-charge (OIC), Maritime Watch, Joint Forces Intelligence Command; intelligence operations and plans officer, Naval Special Warfare Command, where he augmented a joint special operations task force in Kabul, Afghanistan; and Deputy Director of Intelligence (DDI), National Joint Operations Intelligence Center (NJOIC) for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Brookes commanded the Joint Intelligence Center Central, U.S. Central Command, Tampa, Florida, and Kennedy Irregular Warfare Center, Suitland, Maryland.

Prior to his current assignment, Brookes was the Deputy Commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet.

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

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