



Admiral Chris Grady, a native of Newport, Rhode Island and a 1984 graduate of The University of Notre Dame, is the current Commander of United States Fleet Forces Command, based in Norfolk, Virginia. He also concurrently serves as: Commander, Naval Forces Northern Command; Commander, Naval Forces Strategic Command; the Strategic Command Joint Force Maritime Component Commander; and Commander, Task Force Atlantic.

He mans, trains, equips, certifies, and employs over 125 ships and submarines, 1000 aircraft, and 125,000 Sailors and government employees, executing an annual budget of 14 billion dollars, and is responsible for providing combat-ready forces forward to Numbered Fleets and Combatant Commanders around the globe in support of US national interests.

During past assignments he commanded the US Navy's SIXTH Fleet, Striking and Support Forces NATO, Naval Surface Force Atlantic, Carrier Strike Group ONE/USS CARL VINSON Carrier Strike Group, Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-TWO; USS COLE, USS CHIEF, and USS ARDENT.

Admiral Grady is a distinguished graduate of both Georgetown University, where he earned a Master of Arts in National Security Studies, and the National War College, earning a Master of Science in National Security Affairs. While at Georgetown, Admiral Grady was also a Fellow in Foreign Service at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service.

In May, Admiral Grady was awarded the 'Old Salt,' an award that recognizes the extensive knowledge and expertise of the longest-serving Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) in the United States Navy.