

Vice Admiral Richard “Rick” Seif, Commander, Naval Submarine Forces; Commander, submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Commander, Allied Submarine Command



Prior to his assignment as commander, Submarine Forces, Vice Adm. Seif served as Director, AUKUS Integration and Acquisition. His previous Flag assignments include Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet/Task Force 34; Commander, Submarine Group Seven/Task Force 54/Task Force 74; and Commander, Undersea Warfighting Development Center.

VADM Seif assumed his current duties in February 2026 as commander, Submarine Forces. He is the undersea domain lead and is responsible for the submarine force's strategic vision. As commander, Submarine Force Atlantic, he commands all Atlantic based U.S. submarines, their crews, and supporting shore activities. These responsibilities also include duties as commander, Task Force (CTF) 114, CTF 88, and CTF 46. As commander, Allied Submarine Command, he is the principal undersea warfare advisor to all North Atlantic Treaty Organization strategic commanders.

VADM Seif has not previously testified before the Commission.