

Session One

Rear Admiral James Pitts Commander Submarine Group 7 Commander Task Force 54/ 74, US Navy



Rear Admiral James Pitts, a native of Milton, Florida, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Following his first sea tour, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School where he earned a master's degree in national security affairs.

At sea, his first submarine assignment was USS GRAYLING (SSN 646). Additionally, he was temporarily assigned to USS PLUNGER (SSN 595) for a Western Pacific deployment, where he qualified in submarines. Follow-on assignments include: Navigator on USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN 663); Combat Systems Officer on USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709); and Executive Officer of USS TUCSON (SSN 770). His at-sea command assignments were as Commanding Officer of USS TUCSON (SSN 770), and Commander, Submarine Squadron 7.

His shore and staff assignments include: Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, N87 Submarine Warfare Division; Prospective Executive Officer Instructor at Naval Submarine School; Deputy Commander for Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 3; Program and Budget Branch Chief on the Joint Staff; Strategic Studies Group CNO Fellow; Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, N8 Staff as the Planning, Programming & Development Branch Head and Executive Assistant to N9. Most recently, RDML Pitts was assigned as Commander, Undersea Warfighting Development Center in Groton, CT.

RDML Pitts' awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and various unit, campaign and service awards.