

## Captain Victor G. Addison, Jr., USN



Captain Victor G. Addison, Jr. is currently assigned to the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans, and Strategy (N3/N5) as Branch Head for Advanced Concepts. Prior to this, Captain Addison served as Commanding Officer of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center in Monterey, California. Originally from Massapequa, New York, he graduated from the State University of New York at Stony Brook with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. After commissioning via Officer Candidate School, Captain Addison was selected for the submarine Strategic Weapons Officer program, completed pipeline training, and reported to USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN 657) BLUE. From 1981 to 1985, he served as Assistant Weapons Officer, Sonar Officer, Torpedo Officer, and First Lieutenant. Following his Division

Officer tour, Captain Addison attended U.S. Naval Postgraduate School from 1985 to 1987, receiving a Master of Science Degree in Physical Oceanography and Meteorology.

After completing the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in Groton, Captain Addison reported to USS ULYSSES S. GRANT (SSBN 631) BLUE, serving as Weapons Officer from 1988 to 1991. During his five patrols onboard, the ship was awarded the Anti-Submarine Warfare "A" and three consecutive Atlantic Fleet Strategic Weapons System "Top Performer" designations. Captain Addison qualified for Command in Submarines and was selected for transfer to the Restricted Line as an Oceanographer.

From 1991 to 1992, Captain Addison served as Commanding Officer of Oceanographic UNIT TWO, continuously deployed onboard USNS TANNER and USNS HESS. During this period, Oceanographic UNIT TWO was selected as the Naval Oceanographic Office's "Oceanographic Unit of the Year."

Captain Addison served as Officer-in-Charge of the Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment, Barbers Point from 1993 to 1996. He attended U.S. Naval War College from 1996 to 1997, receiving a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies (with distinction). Captain Addison was also selected as an Advanced Research Fellow, completing a thesis on the subject of coercive diplomacy.

Captain Addison served on the staff of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command / Commander U.S. FIFTH FLEET from 1997 to 2000. Assigned as Staff Oceanographer, he also served concurrently as Deputy Operations Officer and Special Assistant for Regional Engagement. In August 1998, Captain Addison was deployed as Director of Operations for Joint Task Force RESOLUTE RESPONSE to coordinate the recovery of American Embassy Nairobi, Kenya following a terrorist attack.

From 2001 to 2005, Captain Addison was assigned to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Requirements and Programs Staff as the Director of Battlespace Awareness (N71R), in the Submarine Warfare Division as Deputy, Undersea Surveillance Branch and as the Director of Requirements and Programs for the Oceanographer of the Navy. He also served as one of the original members of "Deep Blue."

Captain Addison is authorized to wear several personal and unit awards including the Legion of Merit with one Gold Star, Meritorious Service Medal with one Gold Star, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two Gold Stars, the Navy Unit Commendation (two awards), the Meritorious Unit Citation and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He is married to the former Karen Sens of Massapequa, New York. They have two sons, and one daughter.