
Michael R. Durkin



Deputy Director, Joint and Maritime Operations Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command

Michael R. Durkin graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a degree in Marine Engineering and when received his commissioned in May 1980. His sea duty assignments include tours of duty on the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) as Reactor Controls Division Officer; USS Josephus Daniels (CG 27) as Combat Information Center Officer; USS Ainsworth (FF 1090) as Operations Officer; the commissioning crew of USS George Washington (CVN 73) as Main Propulsion Assistant; Executive Officer, USS David R. Ray (DD 971); and Commanding Officer of USS Hayler (DD 997).

Ashore, he served as an instructor at the Naval Reserve Officer Training Unit, University of Pennsylvania, in the Joint Staff as the China/Taiwan/Hong Kong Politico-Military Affairs Officer, Directorate of Plans and Policy (J-5), and as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans Commander, Task Force 84. While on the Joint Staff, he participated in negotiations with the People's Republic of China concluding the Military Maritime Consultation Agreement, the first military-to-military agreement with the PRC, and the agreement to continue U.S. Navy port calls and Defense Attaché posting to post-reversion Hong Kong. In Sep 2004 Mr. Durkin reported to his last active duty command, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, where he stood up the Global Force Management Division and also served as the Deputy Director, Global Force Management and Joint Operations Directorate (N3/N5B).

Mr. Durkin retired from active duty in Jan 2008 and returned to U.S. Fleet Forces Command in a civilian capacity, reassuming his position as Director, Global Force Management Division. Since May 2015, he has served as the Deputy Director, Joint and Maritime Operations.

He earned a Master of Science degree in Engineering Management from Drexel University. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Air War College and the Armed Forces Staff College.

His decorations included the Legion of Merit with gold star, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars and Navy Achievement Medal with two gold stars.