

BIOGRAPHY

Rear Admiral Lower Patrick J. MARTIN



Rear Admiral Lower Patrick MARTIN was born in 1955 in Brest (Brittany - France). He enlisted in the Navy in 1974 as a simple sailor. After a couple of years working as an air traffic controller, he was selected for officer training and subsequently chose to serve with embarked aviation as an Intelligence and Air Operations specialist.

From 1982 to 1994 he served in squadrons, embarked staffs and aboard the French aircraft carriers Clémenceau and Foch, participating in several operations at sea and on the ground (Lebanon 83, Persian Gulf 87/88 and 90 and Former Yugoslavia 93/94).

He graduated from the "Joint Defence Staff College" in 1995 and was assigned as a member of the aircraft carrier "Charles de Gaulle" project team, where he was responsible for the coordination of all sea trials. During 18 years at sea, he has sailed in the Mediterranean, and the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

On completion of his sea duties, he was posted to the UN mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), for 12 months, before joining the French Military Mission to SACEUR as the Deputy (Navy) in August 2000.

From 2003 to 2005 he was head of the Targeting and Info Ops organization of the French General Staff in Paris.

Student at the NATO Defense College (course 106) in 2005, he was then assigned as Deputy J5 at the French General Staff in Paris where his planning focus was the Middle East region.

In June 2007 he was appointed as Military Adviser to the French Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

Promoted Rear Admiral in August 2010, he is now assigned to USCENTCOM (Tampa – Florida) as the chief of the French liaison detachment.

Rear Admiral MARTIN's decorations include the "Legion of Honour" and the "National Order of Merit" both with the rank of Officer.

He is married to Dominique. They have three children: Nicolas (1976), Catherine (1979) and Victoria (1990), and are happy grandparents to two grand sons presently living in San Francisco California.