



Rear Admiral John G. Messerschmidt

Director of Assessments and Analysis (ECJ7), U.S. European Command

Rear Admiral Messerschmidt hails from Elmhurst, Ill. and is a 1979 Honors graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Following nuclear propulsion and basic submarine training, he served aboard USS *James Madison* (SSBN 627 Blue) where he qualified as a submarine warfare officer and nuclear engineer officer. Messerschmidt then served ashore as a submarine communications project officer with the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in Arlington, Va., prior to transitioning to the Navy Reserve in December 1986.



Messerschmidt has commanded five Reserve Units including two that have earned Navy Meritorious Unit Commendations. Other tours of duty include reserve chief of staff, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and deputy commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command Midwest. Since his selection to flag rank in 2006, Messerschmidt has served as vice commander, Submarine Force; deputy chief of Navy Reserve; deputy commander, Navy Reserve Force, and commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command. He currently serves as director of assessments and analysis (ECJ7) and reserve component advisor to the commander, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

He holds a Master of Science degree in Systems Engineering from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. and is a Fellow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI Program. Personal awards include the Legion of Merit (4 awards), Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (5 awards), and Navy Achievement Medal (2 awards). Messerschmidt has also received three Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals for community service and is actively involved in the Boy Scouts of America as an assistant scoutmaster.

In his civilian career Messerschmidt has been employed since 1986 by The MITRE Corporation, a not-for-profit corporation chartered to work in the public interest. He is currently on a leave of absence from MITRE to support his full-time duty status.