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Rear Adm. Jim Kilby is a 1986 graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography. He earned a Master of Science in Information Technology Management from the Naval Postgraduate School. He is a 2008 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI fellow.

A surface warfare officer, Kilby's sea duty assignments include USS Sampson (DDG 10), USS Philippine Sea (CG 58) and USS San Jacinto (CG 56). He was the commanding officer of USS Russell (DDG 59), where he was the 2005 Pacific Fleet recipient of the Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Inspirational Leadership Award. Kilby's major command was USS Monterey (CG 61) where in 2011, he deployed as the first ship to deploy in support of the European Phased Adaptive Approach for ballistic missile defense.

Ashore Kilby served as an action officer and flag aide to the director of surface warfare. He served in the Naval Personnel Command (NPC) as Cruiser and Destroyer Atlantic Fleet placement officer, head surface placement officer and assistant captain detailer. Following command of Russell, he reported to the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Program Office, Missile Defense Agency where he served as Joint Maritime Operations Department head and the chief of staff. Kilby most recently was the deputy for Ballistic Missile Defense, Aegis Combat Systems and Destroyers on the staff of the director of surface warfare on the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) Staff.

Kilby is the commander of Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and various other personal, unit and service awards