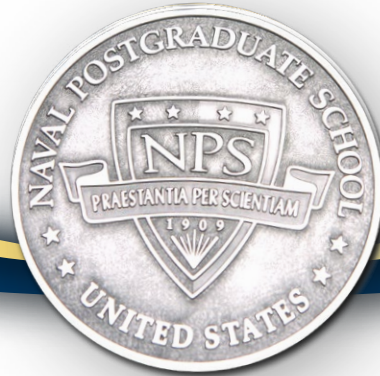


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Vice Admiral Alberto SOTO Valenzuela of the Chilean Navy began his career in 1982. He completed operational assignments on Chilean Navy frigates ALMIRANTE RIVEROS and ALMIRANTE LYNCH. Vice Admiral Soto later served on the Commander, Task Force 176.1 during RIMPAC 2012, and then Head of the Strategic Planning Department at Joint Chiefs of Staff, Head of the Plans Department of the General Staff of the Navy, and Commander in Chief of the Fourth Naval Zone. In 2000, Vice Admiral Soto graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School with a Master of Science in Operations Research. Vice Admiral Soto leveraged his education to significantly impact the effectiveness of Chilean Navy operations, and elevated his service to become a premier Navy in the SOUTHCOM area of operations. In 2020, he was selected as the Commander of Naval Operations (COMOPER) for the Chilean Navy and promoted to Vice Admiral. Under his astute leadership, the Chilean Navy participated in multiple fleet exercises, tactical development events, and combined operations with the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard as part of the Joint Interagency Task Force South. As COMOPER, he directed the Chilean Navy's participation in multiple cooperative deployments including the highly successful Pacific Ocean deployments of the frigate BLANCO ENCALADA and the oiler ALMIRANTE MONTT. Vice Admiral Soto's exemplary and remarkable leadership in service to his country is commendable and distinguishes him as exceptional graduate and ambassador for the Naval Postgraduate School.

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