

**Commander, Amphibious Group Three
Rear Admiral David L. Brewer, III
United States Navy**



Rear Admiral David L. Brewer, III was born in Farmville, Virginia on May 19, 1946, and is a resident of Orlando, Florida. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. David L. Brewer, II, retired educators in Orlando, Florida.

Rear Admiral Brewer is a May 1970 graduate of Prairie View A & M University, Prairie View, Texas, where he was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy by the then Secretary of the Navy, Senator John Chafee (Rhode Island), who commemorated the first Navy ROTC graduating class at a historical black college.

Rear Admiral Brewer's first assignment was as the Electronic Warfare Officer aboard the guided missile cruiser USS LITTLE ROCK (CLG 4). From March 1972 to June 1975, he served as the Minority Recruiting Officer at Navy Recruiting District Memphis, Tennessee.

In June 1975, Rear Admiral Brewer returned to sea as the Combat Information Center Officer aboard the guided missile cruiser USS CALIFORNIA (CGN 36). In 1977, he attended the Surface Warfare Officers' Department Head School in Newport, Rhode Island.

From August 1978 to October 1980, Rear Admiral Brewer served as the Weapons Officer aboard the guided missile cruiser USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY (CG 32). In 1981, he reported as the Engineering Officer aboard the amphibious helicopter carrier USS OKINAWA (LPH 3).

From March 1983 to December 1984, he served as the Executive Officer aboard the tank landing ship USS FRESNO (LST 1182). In January 1985, he returned ashore and served as the Enlisted Community Manager for Combat Systems Ratings in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OP-13), Washington, DC.

From June 1986 to September 1988, Rear Admiral Brewer commanded the tank landing ship USS BRISTOL COUNTY (LST 1198), winning several awards, including the Battle Efficiency "E" Award.

In September 1988, Rear Admiral Brewer was hand-picked by Admiral C. A. H. Trost, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), to serve as his Special Assistant for Equal Opportunity, where he was an unfiltered advisor to the CNO and his personal representative at Equal Opportunity forums.

From April 1991 to December 1992, Rear Admiral Brewer commanded the Second Fleet flagship, USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC 20), providing command and control support to the Second Fleet.

In March 1993, he reported as a student in the Senior Officers' Course at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

In December 1993, Rear Admiral Brewer was nominated for promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral.

From August 1994 to December 1996, Rear Admiral Brewer was Commander U.S. Naval Forces Marianas/Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Command Representative Guam/Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands/Federated States of the Micronesia/Republic of Palau.

Rear Admiral Brewer has commanded Amphibious Group THREE since January 1997.

Rear Admiral Brewer's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with gold star in lieu of second award), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

He is married to the former Richardene R. Brown of Winnsboro, South Carolina. RADM and Mrs. Brewer have one daughter, Stacey.