



David A. Levy, Commander, United States Navy, Ret.

Objectives

Conduct work relevant to diplomacy, foreign policy, and national security strategy, with a Middle East focus. To collaborate with great mentors and an insightful team.

Professional Highlights

Director, Theater Security Cooperation, US Navy Central Command

- Principal for maritime military cooperation with 18 Arab partner countries
- Senior Strategist for US Navy military access and basing in the Middle East
- Lead for over 30 annual multilateral and bilateral Naval exercises in US Central Command

Naval and Air Attaché, Tunis, Tunisia

- Principal advisor to the Ambassador on all maritime and air defense policy
- Interlocutor between US Defense Department and Tunisian Military High Command
- Wrote periodic and special reports in areas of national interest, briefed senior decision-makers

Federal Executive Fellow, RAND Cooperation, Arlington, VA.

- Authored papers impacting Navy and Marine Corps training and procurement
- Participated in Whitehouse level team considering the Iranian nuclear question
- Thesis: *Clients, Patrons, and Conflicts: Client-Patron Theory and Conflicts - A Middle East Case*

Executive Officer, USS MILIUS (DDG 69)

- Overall responsible for the daily execution of the missions of a US Navy destroyer with a crew of 300
 - Accomplished numerous high-interest inspections, operations, and special missions
 - Led MILIUS through a successful Deployment in the Persian Gulf defending against possible Iranian Ballistic Missiles safeguarding Israel and US interests.
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Skills & Specifics

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| - Experienced Foreign Policy Strategist | - Diplomat: Liaison to Foreign Military Elite |
| - Middle East & Maghreb Specialist | - Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) and UAV Experience |
| - Leadership: large groups & small teams | - Security Clearance: US Top Secret - Sensitive |
| - Intelligence Analyst | Compartmented Information (TS-SCI) |
| - Report Writer and Senior Level Briefer | |
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Education

Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel, 2016-Present

Political Science (Foreign Affairs), Ph.D. Candidate

RAND Corporation, Arlington, VA, 2009-2011

Federal Executive Fellowship

Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, 1999-2001

MA, National Security Affairs – Middle East, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa Focus

Graduated with Honors

SUNY Maritime College, New York, NY, 1991-1995

B.S., Marine Transportation, and Financial Management

Graduated with Distinction

The Bronx High School of Science, New York, NY, 1985-1988

Professional History

- **Director for Theater Security Cooperation**, US Navy Central Command / Commander 5th Fleet, Bahrain. 2014-2015
- **US Naval and Air Attaché**, Tunis, Tunisia. 2012-2014
- **Strategy Lead and Deputy Branch Head**, Navy Directorate for International Engagement, Washington, DC. 2010-2012
- **Federal Executive Fellow**, RAND Corp., Arlington, VA. 2009-2010
- **Executive Officer**, USS MILIUS (DDG 69), San Diego, CA. 2007-2009
- **Future Scheduler**, Commander Third Fleet, San Diego, CA. 2005-2007
- **Operations Officer**, USS ANTIETAM (CG 54), San Diego, CA. 2003-2005
- **Operations Officer**, USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12), San Diego, CA. 2001-2003
- **United Nations (UN) Military Observer**, MINURSO, Western Sahara. 2000
- **Officer-in-Charge**, USS KILAUEA (T-AE 26), Guam, 1998-1999

Professional Qualifications

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| - Foreign Area Officer (CENTCOM / Middle East) | - Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) |
| - Intelligence Officer HUMIT, 3H2 | - Subspecialty in National Security Affairs - Middle East, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa, 2101Q |
| - Joint Professional Military Education Phase I | - Subspecialty in Information Warfare, 6205S |
| - AEGIS & Force Tactical Action Officer | - Joint Military Attaché School (JMAS) |
| - Commanding Officer / Executive Officer | |

Awards

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| - Defense Meritorious Service Medal | - Navy Commendation Medal (x7) |
| - Meritorious Service Medal (x2) | - Navy Achievement Medal (x2) |
| - Joint Service Commendation Medal | |

Sample Papers & Publications

- *Book Review. How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States*, Strategic Assessment, INSS, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv. 2020.
 - *Yemen Maritime Security Cooperation*, US Navy Central Command, Bahrain. 2014 (restricted).
 - *Prioritizing International Engagement: The Affinity Axis Model*, US Navy Directorate of International Engagement, Pentagon, Washington DC. 2012 (restricted).
 - *Clients, Patrons, and Conflicts: Client-Patron Theory and Conflicts - A Middle East Case Study*. Federal Executive Fellow Thesis, RAND Cooperation, Arlington VA. 2010.
 - *From the "Strategic Corporal" to a Marine Corps NCO Strategy*, RAND Cooperation, Arlington VA. 2010. Contributor. 2010 (limited distribution).
 - *The Rail Gun: Possibilities and Challenges for Naval Surface Fire Support*, RAND Cooperation, Arlington VA. Contributor. 2010 (limited distribution).
 - *Palestinian Political Violence and Israel*, Master's Thesis, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey CA. 2000.
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**International
Conferences
Exercises &
Symposium**

- Director and senior manager. *Maritime Infrastructure Protection Symposium*, US Navy Central Command, Bahrain. 2014.
- Director and senior manager. *International Maritime Counter-Mine Exercise*, (IMCMEX) US Navy Central Command, Bahrain. 2014.
- Chief of Naval Operations Lead Strategist for Senior Leader Engagement. *International Seapower Symposium*, Navy War College, Newport Rhode Island, 2012,
- Executive Officer, USS MILIUS (DDG 69) *Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise*, PACIFIC FLEET, Pearl Harbor, HI, 2008.
- Lead Briefer. *Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC Exercise)*, PACIFIC FLEET, Pearl Harbor, HI, 2006.
- Operations Officer USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12) *Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT Exercise)*, PACIFIC COMMAND, ASEAN, Southeast Asia, 2002.

**Sample
Professional
and Military
Courses**

- *Fundamentals in Public Diplomacy*, Bar Ilan University School of Communication, Center for International Communication, Ramat Gan, Israel, February 2017.
- *Attaché Training Program*, Joint Military Attaché School, Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C. April 2013.
- *Joint Foreign Area Officer Program*, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA), National Defense University, Washington, DC., June 2012.
- *AEGIS Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Systems and Tactical Operations*, AEGIS Training and Readiness Center, Dahlgren, VA., August 2007.
- *Force Air Defense Warfare Commander*, AEGIS Training and Readiness Center, Dahlgren, VA, July 2003.
- *Cruise Missile Command Course*, Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic, Dam Neck-Virginia Beach, VA., 2003
- *Individual Terrorism Awareness Course*, US Army John F. Kennedy, Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, June 2000.

Interests

- Sailing
 - Biblical Archeology and Near East History
 - Martial Arts
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