



## **US NAVY REAR ADMIRAL, DIRECTOR OF PLANS AND OPERATIONS FOR US NAVAL FORCES EUROPE AND THE US SIXTH FLEET, LECTURES AT IMLI**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2007, IMLI hosted a lecture by Rear Admiral Charles J. Leidig, Director of plans and operations for US Naval Forces Europe and the US Sixth Fleet. Rear Admiral Leidig elaborated on the US Navy approach to Maritime Safety and Security, particularly focusing on the Mediterranean, Black Sea and Africa. He presented the efforts of the US Navy within the Africa Partnership Station project (APS), which is an international effort aiming to enhance regional and maritime safety and security in West and Central Africa. APS includes African, European and American Sailors all on the same staff, working towards partnership in maritime safety and security by bringing an international team of expert trainers in a variety of military capacities, and a handful of civilian fields. Rear Admiral also spoke about the NATO's Operation Active Endeavour (OAE) under which NATO ships are patrolling the Mediterranean, monitoring shipping and providing escorts to non-military vessels through the Straits of Gibraltar to help detect, deter and protect against terrorist activity.



*Rear Admiral Charles J. Leidig,  
Director of plans and operations for US Naval Forces Europe and the US Sixth Fleet,  
Delivers a lecture to IMLI class of 2007 - 2008*

Rear Admiral Charles J. Leidig assumed duties as Director, Naval Forces Europe/6th Fleet Plans and Operations in May 2007. His other duties and functions are the following: Deputy Commander, 6th Fleet; Commander Submarines, Allied Naval Forces South; Commander, Submarine Group 8; Commander, Task Force 69; and Commander, Task Force 164.

Rear Adm. Leidig graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. Rear Adm. Leidig's operational tours include service in both attack and ballistic missile submarines.

He received the David Lloyd Leadership Award and the L.Y. Spear Award upon completion of the Submarine Officer Advanced Course. Rear Adm. Leidig's staff assignments include service as Submarine Squadron 11 Material Officer, as Senior Member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board, Atlantic Fleet, as Assistant Deputy Director for Regional Operations on the Joint Staff and as Executive Assistant to the Director of the Joint Staff, and two tours at the U.S. Naval Academy as an instructor and later as the 80th Commandant of Midshipmen.

Rear Adm. Leidig earned a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College as a distinguished graduate in 1994, completed the National Security Management Program at Syracuse University in 2001 and the Navy's Executive Business Course at University of North Carolina in 2005. Rear Adm. Leidig's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), the Legion of Merit (three awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal along with other unit and service awards.

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