



VICE ADMIRAL TORIBIO D. ADACI JR., O-10087 PN
40th Flag Officer in Command
Philippine Navy

VICE ADMIRAL TORIBIO D. ADACI JR PN is the 40th Flag Officer-In-Command of the Philippine Navy. He took the helm on 24 November 2022 after serving as the Commander of the Naval Forces Western Mindanao for two years. He is the first FOIC to serve a three-year term as set by Republic Act No. 11709 which prescribes fixed terms for officers in key positions of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). He is a lawyer and a proud member of the PMA “Makatao” Class of 1989. He hails from the province of Ifugao.

His leadership priorities are focused on the following areas: sustainment of the Navy’s gains and policy priorities according to the Philippine Navy Sail Plan 2028; amplifying competence-building approaches through efficient training of personnel; rationalization of the organization; bases development, real estate management and administration; naval diplomacy; and the building the new foundations for the Navy’s Self-Reliant Defense Posture (SRDP). As a lawyer, VADM ADACI also reiterates the need to deliberately contribute to the introduction, formulation and amendment of policies that affect the Navy, including, but not limited to, policies on promotion, retirement, logistics and naval operations.

Before ascending to the top post, VADM ADACI served as the Commander of Naval Forces Western Mindanao (NFWM) where he exercised command and control over Fleet and Marine units in Western Mindanao. He also occupied the following key positions: Commander of Naval Installation Command; Commander of Fleet-Marine

Ready Force; Deputy Commander of Western Mindanao Command; and Fleet Inspector General.

During his tour as Commander of FMRF, he spearheaded the planning and execution of eleven (11) International Defense and Security Engagements (IDSE), including the Philippine Navy's first participation in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise in Hawaii in 2018, the first-ever port visit of a Philippine Navy vessel in Vladivostok, Russia in 2018, and the first-ever participation of the Philippine Navy in a naval exercise with China, also in 2018. In 2020, he also supervised the planning and deployment of the Naval Task Force (NTF) 82 to the Middle East for the repatriation of stranded overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) who were displaced by the US-Iran crisis. In the same year, he led the NTF 82 for another humanitarian mission that assisted the safe return to the Philippines of OFWs who were affected by the COVID-19 lockdowns in Sri Lanka and India.

He specializes in naval operations, education and training, and personnel management and administration. He also successfully commanded the following warships: BRP Sulpicio Fernandez (PG853), BRP Bonny Serrano (PG111), BRP Pangasinan (PS31), and BRP Apolinario Mabini (PS36). Concurrent with his command of Navy vessels, he also became the Commander of several Naval Task Groups (NTG) under different operational commands, including NTG 61.1, NTG 61.2, NTG Basilan, NTG Central, and NTG 62.1, in Naval Forces Western Mindanao, and NTG 41.3 in Naval Forces West. He earned the coveted Command-at-Sea Badge in 2012 and the Senior Command-at-Sea Badge in 2017.

In between these duties aboard ship, he assumed instructor and staff duties ashore, notable of which were his designations as Instructor and Tactical Officer at the Philippine Military Academy, Chief of the DLO Branch of the Office of the AC of NS for Personnel, N1, Administrative Officer of the Office of the FOIC, PN, and Operations Officer of Naval Combat Systems Center, NSSC. He also served as a Task Group Commander during the Navy's participation in the 2011 Brunei International Defense Exhibit (BRIDEX) and a Task Force Commander during the Navy's participation in the 2017 Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA) in Malaysia. His senior staff and leadership designations include being the Fleet Provost Marshal, The Naval Provost Marshal, the AC of S for Personnel, N1, and Deputy Commander of Naval Forces Southern Luzon where he also served the concurrent post of Commander, Naval Task Force 31. He also served as the Deputy Commander for Administration of Western Mindanao Command (WMC).

VADM ADACI completed various education and training courses here and abroad. Locally, he finished the Naval Command and Staff Course at the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) in 2001, the AFP Command and General Staff Course at the AFPCGSC in 2010, and the Senior Executive Course on National Security at the National Defense College of the Philippines in 2016. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Management, Major in Development and Security from the Development Academy of the Philippines. His foreign courses include the Junior Officer Strategic Studies Course at the Royal Australian Naval College in Jervis Bay, Australia and the Information Systems Management Course at the US Army Signal School, Georgia, USA. He holds a Master's Degree in National Resource Strategy from NDU, Washington D.C, USA where he graduated in 2015. An attorney-at-law, he finished his Law Degree in 2000 and passed the Bar Examinations given during the same year.

VADM ADACI is a recipient of numerous awards, decorations, and commendations which include the following: Distinguished Service Star, Silver Cross Medal, Meritorious Achievement Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Gawad sa Kaunlaran, Bronze Cross Medal, Military Merit Medal with Spearhead Device, Military Merit Medal with Anahaw Leaf, Sagisag ng Ulirang Kawal, Military Civic Action Medal, Military Commendation Medal, among other recognitions. VADM ADACI was born on January 21, 1967. He is happily married to Mrs Mercy Khristin A. Adaci and they are blessed with a daughter named Thea Karylle.
