

Harry Harris

Harry Harris served as U.S. ambassador to South Korea from 2018 to 2021. Prior to that, he served forty years in the U.S. Navy, culminating as Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command from 2015 to 2018, when he retired. He previously commanded the U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. 6th Fleet, Striking and Support Forces NATO, Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 1, and Patrol Squadron 46. He participated in Operations Attain Document, Desert Shield/Storm, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Willing Spirit, and Odyssey Dawn. Between 2011 and 2013, Harris was assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he was the direct representative of the Chairman to Secretaries of State Hillary Clinton and John Kerry. He is the recipient of the State Department Distinguished Honor Award, the CIA's Agency Seal Medal and Ambassador's Award, the Republic of Korea's Tong-il Order of National Security Merit and the Gwanghwa Order of Diplomatic Service Merit, Japan's Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun, the Order of Australia, Tufts University's Dr. Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award, and numerous other honors. Harris holds degrees from the U.S. Naval Academy, Harvard Kennedy School, and Georgetown University.