



Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. (left) and Commander, Naval Forces Vietnam, Rear Admiral Robert S. Salzer, discuss their recent visit to Nam Can Naval Base, Republic of Vietnam, as they fly to their next stop in May 1971. Admiral Zumwalt worked tirelessly to expand opportunities for women and African Americans during his time as Chief of Naval Operations. For his policy shifts in these areas, he was highly criticized by many naval officers. Today, however, many consider him the father of the modern navy. In 2013, the U.S. Navy launched a new class of guided missile destroyers named for Zumwalt.

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