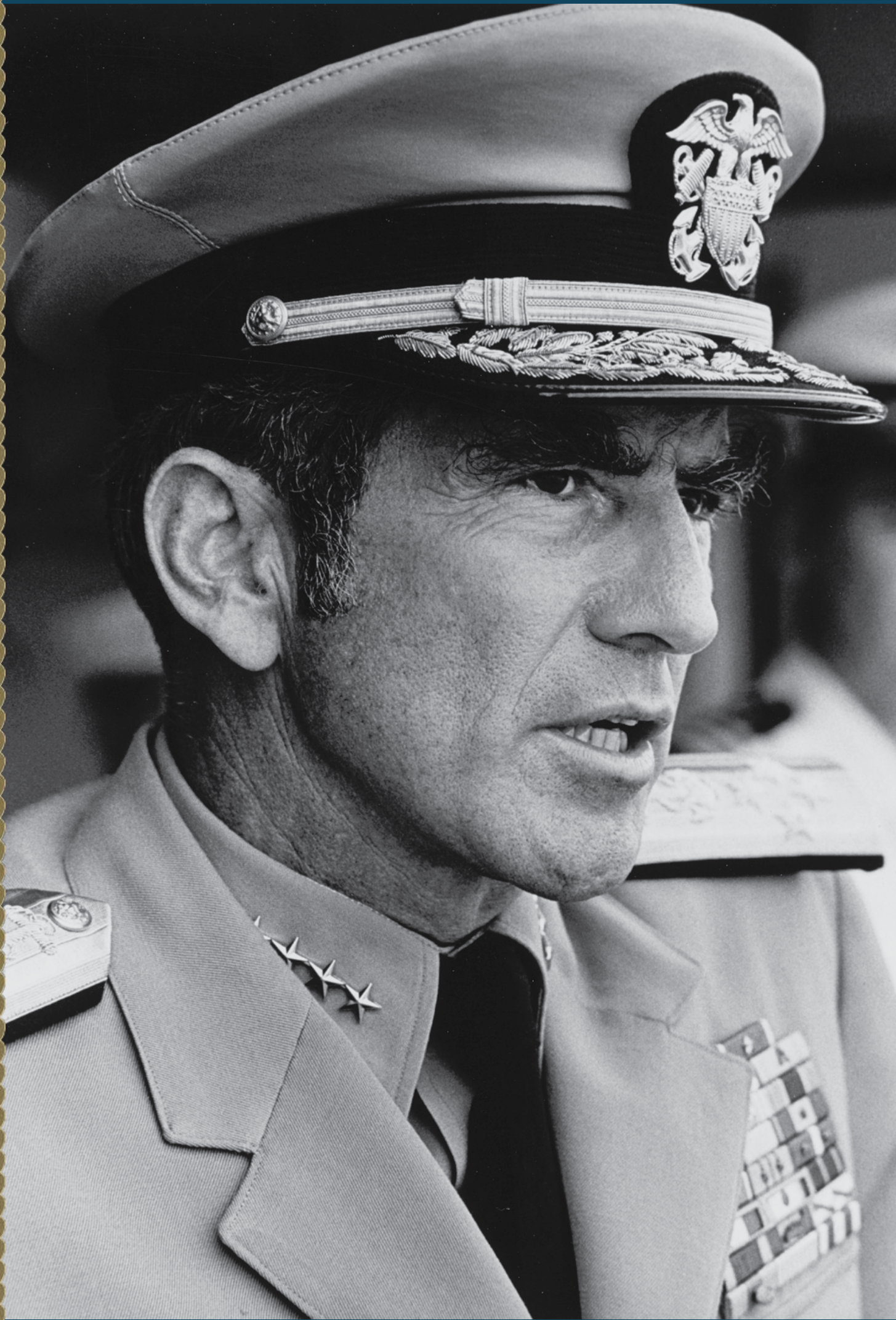




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USS ZUMWALT (DDG 1000)

Honoring A U.S. Navy Legend



Admiral Zumwalt's Distinguished History

- Elmo Russell Zumwalt Jr. was born in San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 29, 1920. In 1939, Zumwalt graduated from Tulare High School as the class valedictorian.
- In 1939, he was appointed to the United States Naval Academy. In 1942, Zumwalt graduated a year early, commissioned as an ensign, then helped with World War II efforts.
- In 1959, he assumed command of USS Dewey (DLG 14), the first ship to be built from the keel up as a guided missile ship.
- On July 1, 1970, Zumwalt became the youngest Chief of Naval Operations at 49 years old.
- As CNO, Zumwalt's mission was to modernize and humanize the Navy. He championed innovation—retiring ships and funding new programs—and initiated policies to increase his Sailors' quality of life, ending the harmful segregation within the Navy.
- During his 32-year naval career, Zumwalt participated in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.
- Zumwalt passed away Jan. 2, 2000. His tombstone at the Naval Academy reads, "Reformer," a role he continued well beyond his naval service.

DDG Quick Facts:

Name: USS Zumwalt (DDG 1000) **Length:** 610 feet

Class: Zumwalt **Speed:** 30 knots

Crew: 186 total

Mission: The Zumwalt-class destroyer performs a range of deterrence, power projection, sea control, and command and control missions and contributes to Adaptive Force Packages (AFP), able to support Special Operations forces and humanitarian missions and operate as an integral part of joint and combined expeditionary forces.



Decorated Service

Zumwalt received more than 45 awards throughout his lifetime. From earning the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award as a boy to the Medal of Freedom at 77 years old, he was continually recognized among his peers for embodying the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment.

Bronze Star with Valor



Lt. Zumwalt earned a Bronze Star with Valor for his actions during the Battle of Leyte Gulf Oct. 25, 1944. The citation reads, "During a torpedo attack on enemy battleships, Lieutenant Zumwalt furnished information indispensable to the success of the attack..."

Navy Commendation Medal with Valor



"For meritorious service as Navigator of USS Wisconsin during combat operations against enemy North Korean and Chinese Communist forces in the Korean Theater from Nov. 23, 1951 to March 30, 1952," Zumwalt earned this medal for bringing the ship through dangerously mined and restricted waters, frequently under poor visibility.

Medal of Freedom



The nation's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, was presented to Zumwalt Jan. 15, 1998. During the ceremony, President Clinton said this of Zumwalt: "Yes, he is a former Sailor. He is also one of the greatest models of integrity and leadership and genuine humanity our nation has ever produced."