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United States Chief of Naval Operations Receives Prestigious Military Award

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The Meritorious Service Medal (Military) was awarded to Admiral Clark in recognition of the significant role he played in fostering closer ties between the Republic of Singapore Navy and the United States Navy. Under Admiral Clark's leadership, professional interactions and cooperation between the two navies have been significantly enhanced. The two navies interact regularly through bilateral and multilateral exercises, ship visits, technology collaboration and cross-attendance of training courses. These interactions have strengthened interoperability between the United States Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy, as well as the mutual understanding and rapport among their personnel.

Admiral Clark made a courtesy call on Minister Teo this morning prior to the investiture. He also called on Chief of Defence Force Lieutenant-General Ng Yat Chung, and met his counterpart, Chief of Navy Rear-Admiral Ronnie Tay. Admiral Clark will be visiting Changi Naval Base later today. He will call on Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew tomorrow.



US Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Vernon Clark observed a Guard of Honour upon his arrival at MINDEF.

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