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CANBERRA ACT 2600

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The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following honorary appointment within the Military Division of the Order of Australia:

## ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

*Honorary Officer (AO) in the Military Division*

**Admiral John Christopher AQUILINO** United States Navy

For distinguished service and dedication to strengthening the military alliance between Australia and the United States.

**By His Excellency's Command**

**Paul Singer MVO**

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**APPOINTED AN HONORARY OFFICER (AO)**  
**IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

**Admiral John Christopher AQUILINO** United States Navy

For distinguished service in fostering the military relationship between the United States of America.

Admiral Aquilino is thoroughly committed to the deepening relationship between the United States and Royal Australian Navies. With a clear eye to the unfolding strategic circumstances in the Indo-Pacific region, he has systematically driven the US Navy to ever greater levels of interoperability with Australia in the areas of operational doctrine, command and control, fighting techniques, personnel training standards and logistics support. His public advocacy for Australia's naval strategy and concrete steps to support it, has greatly strengthened and deepened the Australia-US alliance.