

AUTO BIOGRAPHY OF NAMIBIAN NAVY COMMANDER REAR ADMIRAL PETER HAFENI VILHO

Rear-Admiral Peter Hafeni Vilho, born on 02 February 1962 in Windhoek, Khomas Region, is the current Navy Commander since 2004.

Prior to his appointment he occupied the following positions:

- 2007 :Navy Commander (Rear Admiral)
- 2004 :Navy Commander (Commodore).
- 2002 :Commander NDF Maritime Wing with a rank of Captain (Navy).
- 2001 :Deputy Commander NDF Maritime Wing (Commander).
- 1998 :Chief of Staff NDF Maritime Wing.
- 1995 :Staff Officer grade2 (SO2) Operations and Training Army Headquarters (Major).
- 1993 :Chief Paymaster Army Headquarters (Major).
- 1990 :Paymaster 125 Battalion (Captain)
- 1984-1989 :Engineer Company Commander and Anti-tank Battery Commander at the Northern Front and Striking Unit.
- 1983-1984 :Engineer Instructor at the Tobias Hainyeko Training Centre, Lubango, Angola.

Rear-Admiral Peter Hafeni Vilho joined the South-west Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) in exile in 1977. In 1981 he joined the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN) and trained as a Combat Engineer in 1982.

He attended the Finance Officer Advanced Course and Resource Management Course at Ford Benning, USA from 1990 to 1992. He completed the Junior Staff and Command Course (BMATT) in 1994.

As part of the pioneering group for the Establishment of the Namibian Defence Force (NDF) Maritime Wing, he attended the Naval Officers Formation Course at the Naval College in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 1995 to 1998.

In 2005, R Adm Vilho attended the Advanced Course on Politics and Strategy at the National War College in Brazil and in 2007 he completed a Master of Business Administration at the Maastricht School of Management in the Netherlands.

R Adm Vilho has the following decorations and medals:

- Order of the Eagle 3rd Class – Government of the Republic of Namibia
- Commendation Medal 1st Class – Namibian Defence Force
- Ten Year Service Medal – Namibian Defence Force
- Southern Cross Medal – Namibian Navy
- Navy Pioneers Medal – Namibian Navy
- Navy Cross Medal – Namibian Navy
- Gold Star Medal – Namibian Navy
- Sacharia Medal – Namibian Navy
- Achievement Medal – Namibian Navy
- Ten Year Service – Namibian Navy
- 750 Days Sea Service Medal – Namibian Navy
- Order of Naval Merit (Grand Officer) Medal – Brazilian Navy
- Medal of Merit “Tamandare” – Brazilian Navy