

HISTORY OF COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES, KOREA AND CHIEF, U.S. NAVAL ADVISORY GROUP, REPUBLIC OF KOREA NAVY

Commander Naval Forces, Korea was established on 1 July 1957, with headquarters in Seoul. The command was created by reorganizing the Naval Forces Far East Command into separate commands of Naval Forces, Japan and Naval Forces, Korea.

Commander Naval Forces, Korea also assumed the following additional duties:

1. Commander, Naval Component Command, United Nations Command and U.S. Forces, Korea.
2. Chief, U.S. Naval Advisory Group, Korea and Navy Advisor to the Republic of Korea Navy.
3. On-call member, United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC).

The principle mission of Commander Naval Forces, Korea is to support the United Nations Command. In this regard, he exercises command of U.S. Naval forces assigned or attached and operational control over other UNC forces, including those of the Republic of Korea Navy and Marine Corps. He was relieved of the UNCMAC on-call duty in 1964.

The U.S. Naval Advisory Group was established on 9 February 1952, and was the principle U.S. Navy Command in Korea until the reorganization of the Naval Forces, Far East Command in 1957. The Chief of the U.S. Naval Advisory Group was assigned additional duty as Commander Republic of Korea Naval Forces until 1 March 1955. At that time, Republic of Korea Navy and Marine Corps assumed command of their own forces, with the Chief, U.S. Naval Advisory Group, under CINCUNC, retaining operational control.

The mission of the U.S. Naval Advisory Group, Republic of Korea Navy is to advise in the Organization, administration, training and readiness of the operating forces and support establishments of the ROK Navy and Marine Corps. Headquarters are in Seoul. Navy and Marine Corps advisory detachments are located in Chinhae, and Marine Corps detachments at Pohang and Kimpo.