

# ALLIED MARITIME COMMAND BIOGRAPHY

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**COMMANDER MARITIME AIR NATO**

**REAR ADMIRAL ILIAS RAPTIS**

Ilias Raptis joined the Hellenic Navy in 1984. From 1988 until 1997, he served as Staff Officer on Frigates, Destroyers and Amphibious ships. He was assigned Commander of a Mine Sweeper at the rank of Lieutenant- Commander (2005-2006) and Commander of an Auxiliary Support Ship as a Commander (2012 - 2013).

His expertise is Naval Aviation as a naval helicopter pilot. He received his initial training in 1993, became flight instructor and flew over 2500 hours mainly in AB212 in the ASW role. He commanded 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron of Hellenic Navy Helicopters (2007 – 2008).

He was appointed as Chief of Staff of the Hellenic Helicopter Command (2011 – 2012), Shift Director of the Hellenic Joint Operational Centre (2013 – 2016), Commander of the Hellenic Navy Helicopter Command (2016 – 2017) and Chief of Staff of the Naval Aegean Command (2018 – 2019).

From 2008 until 2011, he was appointed as an Info Ops/STRATCOM Subject Matter Expert at NATO's Joint Force Command Naples and he was involved in two NATO Operations (NATO's Anti-Piracy Operation "Ocean Shield" and NATO's Operation "Unified Protector").

He got a Master of Science in Business Administration focusing on National Security Affairs from Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, USA (2003 – 2004).

He attended the Joint War College from 2006 through 2007, focusing on joint and combined military operations and the National Defence College from 2015 through 2016 focusing on national security decision-making, strategy and policy.

In 2019, he was promoted to Commodore and assigned as Commander of the Aegean Naval Command (2019 – 2020) and Naval Aviation Command (2020 – 2022).

In July 2022, he became Commander Maritime Air NATO at NATO's Maritime Command in Northwood, UK. Ilias was promoted to Rear Admiral in January 2025.