

# Admiral Elmo Russell Zumwalt, Jr.

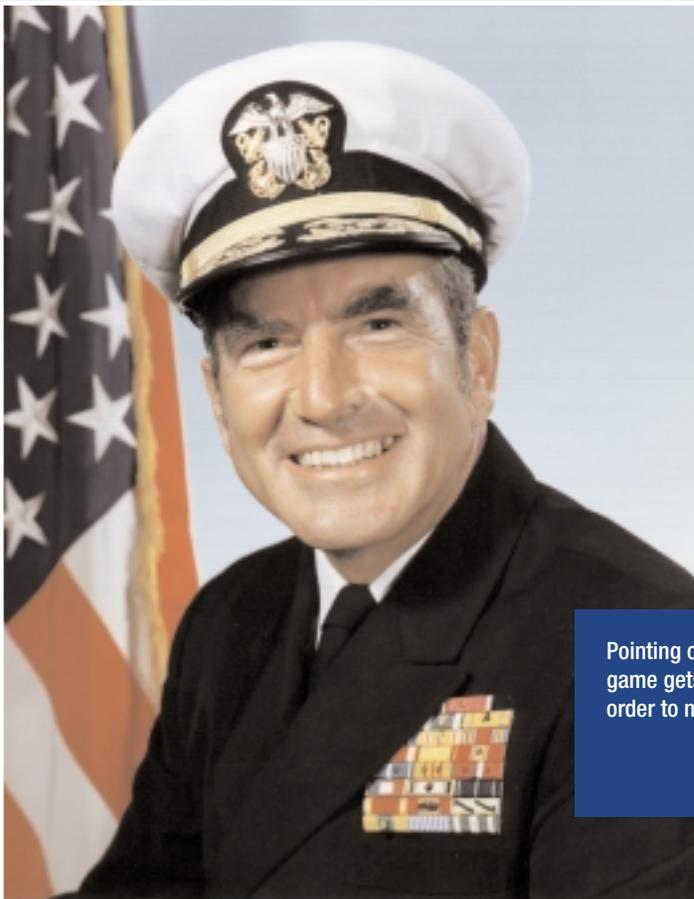
(1920–2000)

## Chief of Naval Operations

### VITA

**B**orn in San Francisco, California; graduated from Naval Academy (1942); served on *USS Phelps* and *USS Robinson* in Pacific during World War II; sailed Japanese gunboat *Ataka* up Yangtze and Whampoo Rivers to spearhead occupation of Shanghai; executive officer, *USS Saufley* and *USS Zellars* after war; professor of naval science, University of North Carolina; commanded *USS Tills* in early 1950s and, during Korean War, served as navigator, *USS Wisconsin*; student, Naval War College; headed Shore and Overseas Section, Bureau of Naval Personnel (1953–55); commanded *USS Arnold J. Isbell*; served in Bureau of Naval Personnel; executive assistant and senior aide to Assistant Secretary of the Navy for personnel and

reserve forces; commanded *USS Dewey* (1959); student, National War College (1961–62); executive assistant to Secretary of the Navy (1963–65); at age 44 youngest officer promoted to rear admiral; commanded Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Seven (1965–66); established Division of Systems Analysis in Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (1966–68); Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, and Chief of Naval Advisory Group, Vietnam (1968–70); Chief of Naval Operations (1970–74); President, American Medical Buildings, and Chairman, International Consortium for Research on Health Effects of Radiation; awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom (1998); died at Durham, North Carolina.



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Pointing out your own service's deficiencies to get more money is the fair way the game gets played in the Tank. . . . However, praising the other fellow's service in order to make your own appear more needy is dirty pool.

—From *On Watch: A Memoir* (1976)