

Kim Il Chol

Current Position: Councilor, National Defense Commission

Born: 1933, Pyongyang

Education: Mangyongdae Revolutionary School

1947: Officers' Candidate Training School, Navy Faculty

Navy University (currently known as the Kim Jong Suk Naval University) Class of 1958

1962-1968: USSR Navy University, Matriculated 1968

Positions Held:

1948: Assigned, Deputy Commanding Officer, Wonsan Navy Base

1950: Vice Commanding Officer, Korean War

1968: Deputy Chief of Staff, KPA Navy HQ

Vice Marshal Kim was most likely promoted to the Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the KPA Navy for his initiation of the capture of the USS Pueblo. At the time of his promotion and despite his involvement in the USS Pueblo incident, General Kim was also a hero in the Korean (or Victorious Fatherland Liberation) War.

1971: Chief of Staff, KPA Navy HQ

1980: (October) Appointed, Member, CCKWP

Appointed Member, Central Military Committee, CCKWP

Promoted, Commanding Officer, KPA Navy

1982: (February) Delegate, 7th SPA

(April) Awarded, Order of Kim il Sung

(June) Promoted to Lieutenant General, KPA; Commanding Officer, KPA Navy

1985: (August) Promoted Colonel General, KPA

1986: (November) Delegate, 8th SPA

1990: (April) Delegate, 9th SPA (representing Sopo-dong, Pyongyang)

1992: (April) Promoted, General, KPA

1994: (July) Member, Kim il Sung Funeral Committee (#90)

1995: (February) Member, O Jin U Funeral Committee (#87)

(October) Awarded, Hero of the Republic, Order of National Flag, 1st Class)

1997: (April) Promoted, Vice Marshal, KPA

1998: (July) Delegate, 10th SPA (349 Electoral District)
(September) Appointed Minister of the People's Armed Forces
Appointed, Vice Chair, National Defense Commission

2003: Delegate, 11th SPA

2009: (February) Resigned, Minister of the People's Armed Forces and Vice Chair, NDC
(March) Appointed, Councilor, NDC