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Vice Adm. McCoy Assumes Command of NAVSEA

WASHINGTON – Vice Adm. Kevin M. McCoy relieved Vice Adm. Paul E. Sullivan as Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Aug. 8 in a ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead gave the ceremony's keynote address. The Honorable Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition, spoke about the history of the Washington Navy Yard and how today its the headquarters for the Navy's shipbuilding efforts.

Sullivan spoke briefly on three themes (ships, people and family) that guided him to deliver his level best for 34 years. "For me, it's always about the ships . . . but even with all of the excitement of working around ships, without our people, ships are just pieces of metal, plastic, and computers," said Sullivan. "I am blessed with three families – my NAVSEA family, my Engineering Duty Officer family and my personal family. I need all three."

Sullivan commanded NAVSEA since July 2005. Since then he has managed the design, contracting, construction, testing, and delivery of the San Antonio-class Amphibious Transport Dock program, the Virginia-class submarine program, the Freedom-class Littoral Combat Ship program, the Lewis and Clark class Dry Cargo Ammunition program, the Gerald R. Ford-class Next Generation Carrier program and the USS George H.W. Bush.

Under Sullivan's leadership in fleet maintenance, 13 aircraft carriers, 46 submarines, and four large surface ships were delivered back to the fleet after being overhauled in naval shipyards, and more than 140 private sector availabilities on surface combatants were completed.

New diversity initiatives, including new outreach, hiring practices and mentoring programs were also implemented by Sullivan.

In addition to serving as 41st Commander, NAVSEA, Sullivan also served on USS *Detector* (MSO 429) before transferring to the Engineering Duty Officer Community. Afterward, he served at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, was Supervisor of Shipbuilding in Groton, Conn., and served on the staff of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition).

Sullivan also served as program manager of both the Seawolf-class submarine and the Virginia-class submarine programs as well as Deputy Commander for Ship Design Integration and Engineering.



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McCoy thanked Sullivan for his years of service to NAVSEA, the U.S. Navy, and said he looked forward to building upon the great work that has been accomplished to date in developing, delivering and maintaining the world's best ships and weapons systems.

"Together, we will build on the great work that has been accomplished to date in developing, delivering and maintaining the best ships and weapons systems, on time and on cost for our great Navy," said McCoy. "We are charged with an awesome responsibility in Keeping America's Navy #1 in the World, and I have the utmost confidence in your abilities. I look forward to the road and challenges ahead!"

McCoy has served at Naval Reactors Headquarters, on the USS *Daniel Webster* (SSBN 626), and Mare Island Naval Shipyard as both a Nuclear and Non-Nuclear Ship Superintendent and Shipyard Docking Officer.

McCoy has also served at Charleston Naval Shipyard assigned as Nuclear Repair Officer, Planning and Estimating Superintendent, Business Operations Officer, Senior Project Superintendent and Operations Officer.

He served as Repair Officer on USS *L.Y. Spear* (AS 36), Officer-in-Charge of the Navy Maintenance Support Office and Program manager for the Advanced Industrial management Program supporting the Shipyard and Naval Air Depot communities in Norfolk, Va.

At Puget Sound Naval Shipyard McCoy served as Business Officer and Operations Officer and, in 2001, became Commander of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

In November 2004, McCoy assumed duties as NAVSEA Assistant Deputy Commander of Industrial Operations and served as NAVSEA Chief Engineer and also headed the Naval Systems Engineering Directorate prior to assuming command.

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