Change of Command Held at NUWC Newport

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NEWPORT, R.I. – Capt. Todd W. Cramer relieved Capt. Michael W. Byman as Commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Newport, July 16, in a ceremony at the warfare center.

Rear Adm. Thomas Wears. Commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center was the guest speaker.

“Captain Byman fostered an environment that valued uniqueness and diverse perspectives” said Wears. “He supported a culture of professional and personal development, ensuring that all employees were trained and educated to accomplish the Navy’s mission.”

Byman, who has served as Commander of NUWC Newport since Aug. 2005, will report to the Navy’s Submarine Acoustic Systems Program Office (PMS 401) in Washington D.C. He holds the distinction for serving as Commander of NUWC Newport for the longest period in the command’s 141 year history. “NUWC’s technical capabilities derive from the combination of the talent, experience, and hard work of the scientists, engineers, and technicians employed here along with the equipment and facilities that are resident here,” said Byman.

Byman received a Legion of Merit award as part of the ceremony.

Cramer reports to NUWC Newport from the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn., where he has served as a Prospective Commanding Officer Instructor. After assuming command, Cramer noted the breadth of responsibilities and variety of achievements garnered by command personnel over the past several years. “This truly is a remarkable command manned with incredibly talented men and women and I look forward to being part of their success,” said Cramer.

NUWC Newport, a Naval Sea Systems Command field activity, is one of two divisions of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center. It’s also the largest Navy command in Rhode Island with more than 2,700 government civilian employees and 30 military personnel. NUWC Newport’s mission is to provide research, development, test and evaluation, engineering and fleet support for submarines, autonomous underwater systems, undersea offensive and defensive weapons systems, and countermeasures. NUWC’s other division is located in Keyport, Wash.