



BIOGRAPHY



Captain Jay A. Kadowaki

Commanding Officer

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division

Capt. Jay A. Kadowaki assumed command of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division in June 2009. As commanding officer, he leads Corona's scientists and engineers in its mission as the U.S. Navy's independent assessment agent of weapons and combat systems.

Kadowaki's operational tours include division officer assignments to the 6th Fleet Flagship USS Belknap (CG 26) in Gaeta, Italy, and USS Gemini (PHM-6) in Key West, Fla.; department head tours in USS Nicholson (DD 982), homeported in Charleston, S.C., then Norfolk, Va., and USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) in Yokosuka, Japan; Strike Officer in Carrier Group 5 aboard USS Independence (CV 62) and USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63), homeported in Yokosuka; Executive Officer in USS Arctic (AOE 8), homeported in Earle, N.J.; and as Commanding Officer of Mobile Security Squadron Three (MSS-3) in San Diego, Calif.



Kadowaki's staff assignments include serving as a Sea Shield and Warfare Integration Analyst for the Director, Analysis, Programming and Integration (N70) on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in the Pentagon. In addition, during this tour he was called upon as an Individual Augmentee to serve for six months as Director, Coalition Coordination Center on the 5th Fleet staff in Bahrain, supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. In his first assignment as a member of the Surface Warfare Officer Acquisition Professional Corps, he served in the Program Executive Office for Integrated Warfare Systems as Program Manager for Surface Ship Undersea Warfare Combat Systems in Washington, District of Columbia.

Kadowaki is a 1986 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy and received his master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. He is a graduate of the College of Naval Command and Staff at the Naval War College and the Darden School of Business Executive Program.

Kadowaki's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), and various campaign and service awards.

NSWC Corona is the Navy's newest federal lab and serves as the Navy's independent assessment agent. The command is responsible for gauging the warfighting capability of weapons and integrated combat systems, through assessment of systems' performance, readiness, quality, supportability, and the adequacy of training. The base is home to three premiere national laboratories and assessment centers: the Joint Warfare Assessment Lab; the Measurement Science and Technology Lab; and the new \$12 million Daugherty Memorial Assessment Center, dedicated to fallen Sailor Petty Officer 1st Class Steven P. Daugherty.