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## Commander Eric Ver Hage

**Commanding Officer**

**Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division**

Cmdr. Eric H. Ver Hage assumed command of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division in November 2011. As commanding officer, he leads nearly a thousand scientists and engineers in Corona's critical mission as the U.S. Navy's independent assessment agent responsible for gauging warfighting capability its ships and aircraft.



Ver Hage oversees one of the newest federally designated laboratory facilities in the country, located at the Norco Navy base, which is home to three premiere federal laboratories and assessment centers: the Joint Warfare Assessment Lab; the Measurement Science and Technology Lab; and the new Daugherty Memorial Assessment Center, dedicated to fallen Sailor Petty Officer 1st Class Steven P. Daugherty.

Ver Hage enlisted in the Navy in 1984, serving as an electronic technician until his appointment to the Naval Academy with the class of 1991. He graduated with merit with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, and later from the Naval War College in 2008 with a Masters of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

He has served at-sea in a variety of assignments including the Executive Officer of the USS San Jacinto (CG 56); as Flag Aide to Commander Second Fleet / Striking Fleet Atlantic; and most recently, as Commanding Officer of the USS Carr (FFG 52), for which he was distinguished as a 2010 U.S. Fleet Forces Command Finalist for the Vice Adm. James Stockdale Leadership Award.

Ver Hage has served ashore as an Associate Fellow with the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group XXVI and has served twice in the Surface Warfare Directorate, where he most recently served as Weapons and Sensors Branch Head.

Ver Hage's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), and various unit and service medals and ribbons.