



KEYPORT

## NUWC Division Keyport Biography

Captain Stephen E. Iwanowicz, USN  
Commander

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**Capt. Stephen Iwanowicz, Commander of Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division, Keyport, leads an innovative workforce of over 2,800 professionals. With a focus on offensive and defensive undersea weapons systems, they provide advanced technical capabilities for: engineering; testing, evaluation, and training; maintenance and modernization; obsolescence management; logistics management; information technology; and quality assurance for the Fleet of today and the Navy of tomorrow.**



A native of Pittsfield, Mass., Capt. Iwanowicz received his Navy Commission in 1983 after receiving Bachelor of Science degrees in both Biochemistry and Chemical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts. A submarine warfare officer, his initial assignment was aboard ballistic missile submarine *USS Benjamin Franklin* (SSBN 640).



Selected to the Engineering Duty Officer Program, he began his industrial career in 1986 at the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair in Newport News, Va., overseeing nuclear submarine construction. Graduate studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) followed, where he earned Master of Science degrees in both Mechanical Engineering and Naval Engineering in 1992.

At Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, Capt. Iwanowicz served as Assistant Ship Superintendent for maintenance and modernization of *Los Angeles* Class Submarines. In 1995 he transferred to the Board of Inspection and Survey in Norfolk, VA., as the Chief Submarine Electrical Inspector. Leaving in 1998 for Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Va., he advanced to the position of Project Superintendent for nuclear submarine maintenance, managing repairs and modernization.

Immediately after the terrorist attacks of 2001, Capt. Iwanowicz reported aboard repair ship *USS Emory S Land* (AS-39), stationed in Italy. As Repair Officer, he led his 450-sailor department in providing vital Fleet support in Operations Desert Shield and Iraqi Freedom, maintaining a diverse array of forward-deployed warships: from submarines to aircraft carriers; from minesweepers to US Coast Guard ships and US Army vessels.

From 2003 through 2005, he served as the Navy's Director of Submarine Safety and Quality Assurance at Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) in Washington D.C., managing SUBSAFE and Deep Submergence Systems Programs. After fulfilling the role of Business and Strategic Planning Officer at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash., he was selected as the Production Resources Officer where he led a highly talented workforce of over 5,200 in nuclear and non-nuclear maintenance, modernization, and repair on all classes of Navy ships throughout the Pacific.

Capt. Iwanowicz assumed Command of NUWC Division Keyport in September 2008.

Along with his Gold Dolphin warfare insignia, Capt. Iwanowicz has been awarded five Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal, and three Navy Achievement Medals. Among his other awards, he is authorized to wear the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

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