

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD 88TH SHIPYARD COMMANDER



CAPTAIN
JESSE H. NICE

A native of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Capt. Jesse Nice enlisted in 1996 as a Nuclear Electrician's Mate and received his commission in 2001 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute through the 2-year Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. He served in a variety of assignments both afloat and ashore throughout his career as a Submarine and Engineering Duty Officer. His sea tours include USS Kentucky (SSBN 737)(Gold), Engineer Officer in USS Michigan (SSGN 727)(Blue) and Navigator/Operations Officer in USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 730)(Blue).

Ashore, Nice served at Trident Training Facility (TTF) Bangor as the Navigation/Operations Department Head and Communicator, where he volunteered for Individual Augmentation providing material and training support to the Armed Forces of Kenya. He also served at OPNAV N97 as a Submarine Manpower Requirements Officer, until his lateral transfer for medical reasons to the Engineering Duty Officer Community in 2013.

At Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Nice served as the Deputy Project Superintendent and Project Superintendent for USS Ohio (SSGN 726) and USS Michigan (SSGN 727) as well as Non-Nuclear Assistant Project Superintendent for the USS Ronald Regan (CVN 76) in Yokosuka, Japan. Selected as a Repair Officer for Naval Submarine Support Facility, New London, he led a team of 650 military, civilian, and contractor personnel conducting maintenance and modernization for 17 fast attack submarines.

Nice then reported to NAVSEA in 2019 as the Director for Submarine Safety and Quality Assurance (SEA 07Q), leading the submarine enterprise in the maintenance and compliance verification of the Submarine Safety (SUBSAFE), Deep Submergence Systems (DSS SOC), and Fly-By-Wire Ship Controls Systems (FBW SCS) programs. He reported to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in June of 2022, assuming duties as the Production Officer until January 2024, then served as Business and Strategic Planning Officer until August 2024, following which, he assumed duties as the Operations Officer until detaching in April 2025.

Nice assumed command of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard June 13, 2025.

Nice is a 2001 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, earning Bachelor of Science and Master of Engineering Degrees in Nuclear Engineering. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5 awards), the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards). He has been privileged to serve on teams that have been awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation and Battle Efficiency 'E' Awards.