Flag Officer Assignments

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The secretary of the Navy and chief of naval operations announced today the following assignments:

Rear Adm. Peter A. Garvin will be assigned as president, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. Garvin is currently serving as commander, Naval Education and Training Command, Pensacola, Florida.

Rear Adm. William C. Greene will be assigned as commander, Navy Regional Maintenance Center; and director, Surface Ship Maintenance and Modernization, NAVSEA 21, Washington, D.C. Greene is currently serving as fleet maintenance officer, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

Rear Adm. John V. Menoni will be assigned as director, Programming Division, N80, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Menoni is currently serving as assistant deputy chief of naval operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy, N3/N5B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. Milton J. Sands III will be assigned as chief of staff, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. Sands is currently serving as commander, Special Operations Command Africa, U.S. Special Operations Command, Naples, Italy.

Rear Adm. Paul J. Schlise will be assigned as director, Warfare Integration, N9I, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Schlise is currently serving as director, Warfare Development, N72, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. Douglas C. Verissimo will be assigned as commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia. Verissimo is currently serving as director, Maritime Operations, U.S. Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Joseph F. Cahill III, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as commander, Naval Surface Force, Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia. Cahill is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group Fifteen, San Diego, California.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Jeffrey J. Czerewko, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as commander, Naval Education and Training Command, Pensacola, Florida. Czerewko is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group Four, Norfolk, Virginia.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Brian L. Davies, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as special assistant to director, Navy Staff for Learning to Action Board, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Davies is currently serving as commander, Submarine Group Two, with additional duties as deputy commander, Second Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Michael P. Donnelly, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as director, Air Warfare Division, N98, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Donnelly is currently serving as commander, Task Force Seven Zero; and commander, Carrier Strike Group Five, Yokosuka, Japan.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Kenneth W. Epps, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as commander, Naval Supply Systems Command; and chief of the Supply Corps, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Epps is currently serving as commander, Naval Supply Systems Command Weapons System Support, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Rick Freedman, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as deputy chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; deputy surgeon general of the Navy; and director, Medical Resources, Plans and Policy Division, N0931, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Falls Church, Virginia. Freedman is currently serving as deputy assistant director, Operations, Strategy, and Education and Training, Defense Health Agency, with additional duties as chief of the Dental Corps, Falls Church, Virginia.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Casey J. Moton, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as program executive officer for Aircraft Carriers, Washington, D.C. Moton is currently serving as program executive officer, Unmanned and Small Combatants, Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Richard E. Seif Jr., selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Seif is currently serving as commander, Submarine Group Seven; commander, Task Force Seven Four; and commander, Task Force Five Four, Yokosuka, Japan.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Paul C. Spedero Jr., selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as vice director of operations, J-3, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. Spedero is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group Eight, Norfolk, Virginia.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Dennis Velez, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as director, Plans and Policy, J-5, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland. Velez is currently serving as commander, Carrier Strike Group Ten, Norfolk, Virginia.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Christopher D. Alexander will be assigned as commander, Carrier Strike Group Nine, San Diego, California. Alexander is currently serving as commander,

Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center, San Diego, California.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Sean R. Bailey will be assigned as commander, Carrier Strike Group Eight, Norfolk, Virginia. Bailey is currently serving as deputy commander, U.S. Naval Forces, U.S. Central Command; and deputy commander, Fifth Fleet, Manama, Bahrain.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Mark D. Behning will be assigned as director, Undersea Warfare Division, N97, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Behning is currently assigned as commander, Submarine Group Nine, Silverdale, Washington.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Heidi K. Berg will be assigned as assistant deputy chief of naval operations for Operations, Plans, and Strategy, N3/N5B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Berg is currently serving as director, Plans and Policy, J5, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Michael A. Brookes will be assigned as director, National Maritime Intelligence Integration Office/commander, Office of Naval Intelligence, Washington, D.C. Brookes is currently serving as director, J2, U.S. Southern Command, Doral, Florida.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Christopher J. Cavanaugh will be assigned as commander, Submarine Group Seven; commander, Task Force Seven Four; and commander, Task Force Five Four, Yokosuka, Japan. Cavanaugh is currently serving as director, Maritime Headquarters, N03, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Jennifer S. Couture will be assigned as commander, Carrier Strike Group Eleven, Everett, Washington. Couture is currently serving as commander, Naval Service Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Rear Adm. (lower half) William R. Daly will be assigned as commander, Carrier Strike Group Fifteen, San Diego, California. Daly is currently serving as deputy director, Policy, Plans, Strategy, Capabilities and Resources, J5/8, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Dion D. English will be assigned as director, Supply, Ordnance and Logistics Operations Division, N4L, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. English is currently serving as vice director, J4, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Erik J. Eslich will be assigned as commander, Carrier Strike Group Twelve, Norfolk, Virginia. Eslich is currently serving as deputy commander, Seventh Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Ronald A. Foy, will be assigned as commander, Special Operations Command Africa, U.S. Special Operations Command, Naples, Italy. Foy is currently serving as deputy director, global Operations, J39, J3, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Patrick J. Hannifin will be assigned as commander, Task Force Seven Zero; and commander, Carrier Strike Group Five, Yokosuka, Japan. Hannifin is currently serving as deputy director for Political-Military Affairs (Asia), J5, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Oliver T. Lewis will be assigned as director, Strategic Integration, N2N6T, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Lewis is currently serving as director, Plans and Operations, U.S. Naval Forces Europe – Sixth Fleet; deputy commander, Sixth Fleet; and commander, Submarine Group Eight, Naples, Italy.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Stephen G. Mack will be assigned as director, Plans and Operations, U.S. Naval Forces Europe – Sixth Fleet; deputy commander, Sixth Fleet; and commander,

Submarine Group Eight, Naples, Italy. Mack is currently serving as deputy chief of staff, Submarines, Maritime Command Headquarters, Northwood, Great Britain; commander, Submarines, NATO; and deputy commander, Submarine Group Eight, United Kingdom.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Wesley R. McCall will be assigned as commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia. McCall is currently serving as commander, Navy Region Southeast, Jacksonville, Florida.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Max G. McCoy Jr. will be assigned as commander, Carrier Strike Group Four, Norfolk, Virginia. McCoy is currently serving as commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center, Fallon, Nevada.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Martin J. Muckian will be assigned as commander, Submarine Group Two with additional duties as deputy commander, Second Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia. Muckian is currently serving as commander, Undersea Warfighting Development Center, Groton, Connecticut.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Benjamin R. Nicholson will be assigned as commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Two, Norfolk, Virginia. Nicholson is currently serving as U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Representative, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau; commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Marianas; and commander, Joint Region Marianas, Apra, Guam.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Matthew N. Ott III will be assigned as commander, Naval Supply Systems Command Weapons Systems Support, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ott is currently serving as deputy chief of staff for fleet ordnance and supply/Fleet Supply Officer, N41, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Randall W. Peck will be assigned as commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Three, San Diego,

California. Peck is currently serving as president, Board of Inspection and Survey, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Benjamin G. Reynolds will be assigned as deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for Budget; and director, Fiscal Management Division, N82, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reynolds is currently serving as director, Operations and Plans, N3, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Michael S. Sciretta will be assigned as director, Warfare Development, N72, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Sciretta is currently serving as commander, Standing NATO Maritime Group Two, Naples, Italy.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Ralph R. Smith III will be assigned as deputy director, Operations, National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Maryland. Smith is currently serving as vice director for intelligence, J2, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Philip E. Sobeck will be assigned as commander, Military Sealift Command, Norfolk, Virginia. Sobeck is currently serving as director, Strategy, Policy, Programs, and Logistics, J5/4, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Jonathan T. Stephens is assigned as lead special trial counsel, Office of Special Trial Counsel, Washington, D.C. Stephens previously served as interim lead special trial counsel, Office of Special Trial Counsel, Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Nicholas R. Tilbrook will be assigned as commander, Submarine Group Nine, Silverdale, Washington. Tilbrook is currently serving as deputy director, Strategy, Plans and Policy, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Robert D. Westendorff will be assigned as commander, Carrier Strike Group Ten, Norfolk, Virginia. Westendorff is currently serving as director, Fleet Integrated Readiness and Analysis, N02R, U.S. Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia.