

Flag Officer Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (AUG. 8, 2013)

The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert announced today the following assignment: Navy Reserve Rear Adm. (lower half) Deborah P. Haven will be assigned as commander, Defense Contract Management Agency International, Fort Lee, Va. Haven previously served as commanding officer, Navy Reserve Logistics Support Unit, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.

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- Rear Adm. (lower half) Bret C. Batchelder will be assigned as commander, Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, U.S. Transportation Command, Norfolk, Va. Batchelder is currently serving as director, Operations Division, Office of Budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller/director, Operations Division, Fiscal Management Division, N821, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.
- Rear Adm. (lower half) David J. Gale, who has been selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as deputy commander for surface warfare, SEA-21, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Gale is currently serving as commander, Regional Maintenance Center, Norfolk, Va.
- Capt. William J. Galinis, who has been selected for promotion to rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as Commander, Regional Maintenance Center, Norfolk, Va. Galinis is currently serving as commanding officer, Norfolk Ship Support Activity, Norfolk, Va.
- Capt. William R. Merz, who has been selected for promotion to rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as commander, Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command, San Diego, Calif. Merz previously served as chief of staff, commander, submarine force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Va.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (AUG. 16, 2013)

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert announced today the following assignments:

- Rear Adm. (lower half) Vincent L. Griffith, who has been selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as commander, Naval Supply Systems Command Global Logistics Support, San Diego, Calif. Griffith previously served as deputy chief of staff for fleet ordnance and supply/fleet

supply officer, N41, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.

- Capt. John P. Polowczyk, who has been selected for promotion to rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as deputy chief of staff for fleet ordnance and supply/fleet supply officer, N41, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va. Polowczyk previously served as comptroller, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.
- Capt. Paul J. Verrastro, who has been selected for promotion to rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as director, Logistics Programs and Operations Division, N41, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Verrastro previously served as commanding officer, Naval Supply Systems Command, Fleet Logistics Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Senior Executive Service Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (AUG. 20, 2013)

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced the following Department of Defense Senior Executive Service reassignment: David E. Johnson has been assigned as regional director, eastern region, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Smyrna, Ga. Johnson previously served as deputy regional director, western region, LaMirada, Calif.

Navy Announces Plan to Reduce Flag Officer Structure

DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY - NAVY (AUG. 20, 2013)

WASHINGTON. Upon the recommendation of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Secretary of the Navy has approved the initial step to reduce, eliminate, or consolidate a net of 35 Navy flag officer positions in the ranks of rear admiral (lower half) (O-7), rear admiral (O-8), and vice admiral (O-9) Navy officials announced Aug. 20.

“We had to make tough choices, but it was the right thing to do — the plan is in line with Congressional mandates, OSD guidance, and our changing fiscal environment,” said Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mark E. Ferguson.

Flag officer end strength adjustments are already underway using a phased approach and will be completed by fiscal year 2017. This will result in a flag officer end strength of 151 Navy specific billets while meeting the existing minimum requirement for 61 Navy flag officers to fill joint billets.

“This plan postures the Navy to absorb future reductions in headquarters and staff due to sequestration. In fact, we plan to submit the elimination of an additional six flag billets with the FY15 defense budget,” said Ferguson. “This reflects our commitment to working more efficiently and cost-effectively

in this resource-constrained environment without putting our warfighting capabilities at risk.”

Specific billets affected by this plan are:

SECNAV BILLETS

- Executive Director, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Acquisition and Procurement), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS BILLETS

- Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, N4, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from vice admiral to rear admiral.
- Director, Energy and Environmental Readiness Division, N45, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half).
- Director, Fleet Readiness Division, N43, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.
- Director, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance Capabilities, N2/N6F2, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.
- Deputy Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division, N95B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.
- Deputy Director, Surface Warfare Division, N96B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.
- Deputy Director, Submarine Warfare Division, N97B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.
- Deputy Director, Air Warfare Division, N98B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.
- Director, Decision Superiority, N2/N6F4, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.
- Deputy Program Manager, Director for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

ACQUISITION FLAGS

- Deputy Commander for Ship Design, Integration and Engineering, SEA-05, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half).
- Deputy Commander for Undersea Warfare, SEA-07, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Merge position with Program Executive Officer for Submarines, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).
- Assistant Commander for Logistics and Industrial Operations (AIR-6.0) Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md. Merge with Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers, Patuxent River, Md. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).
- Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Space Field Activity, Washington, D.C. Merge with Program Executive Officer for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).
- Deputy Commander for Surface Warfare, SEA-21, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Merge with Program Executive Officer for Ships, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).
- Commander, Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Patuxent River, Md. Merge with Assistant Commander for Research and Engineering, Naval Air Systems Command (AIR-4.0), Patuxent River, Md. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).
- Commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Washington, D.C. Merge with Commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).
- Deputy Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.
- Vice Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.
- Vice Commander, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (AUG. 29, 2013)

The Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Jonathan W. Greenert announced today the following assignment: Rear Admiral (lower half) David F. Baum, who has been selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as director, strategy, policy, programs, and logistics, TCJ5/4, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air

Force Base, Ill. Baucom is currently serving as commander, Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Philadelphia, Pa.

Navy's Most Senior EOD Officer Retires

COMMANDER, EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL GROUP 1
PUBLIC AFFAIRS (SEPT. 3, 2013)

SAN DIEGO—Rear Adm. Michael P. Tillotson retired from active duty during a ceremony held at Naval Base Point Loma in San Diego Aug. 29, concluding his 33-year career.

"Today really is a confluence of generations," said Rear Adm. Frank A. Morneau, commander of Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC). "We're about to retire and thank the first officer in the history of the United States Navy to be selected for flag rank based on his performance as an explosive ordnance disposal officer. That's no small feat."

Morneau went on to praise Tillotson for his commitment to the explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) community.

"We all owe a great debt of gratitude for where we are today to Admiral Tillotson," said Morneau.

Tillotson's most recent tour was as commander of NECC. He served as commander, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 1 and commander, Task Force 56 deployed to commander, U.S. 5th Fleet in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His task force provided extensive clearing operations that opened the Iraqi Ports of Umm Qasr and Az Aubayr. Tillotson also commanded EOD Mobile Unit (EODMU) 3 and EODMU-6.

Tillotson used the ceremony as an opportunity to thank all that helped him rise through the ranks.

"I didn't do it on my own. I arrived at where I am, because of the sacrifice of so many," said Tillotson. "Thank you very much for mentoring me. It's all about taking care of people, and I learned that early on."

Tillotson served staff tours as deputy director of Operations, U.S. Central Command; EOD/mine warfare officer, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Special Operations community manager, Bureau of Naval Personnel; EOD detailer and placement officer; chief staff officer, EOD Group 2; and deputy director, Standing Joint Force Headquarters-North, U.S. Northern Command.

Tillotson also praised the former and current EOD members in attendance.

"The men and women that make up the EOD community are truly phenomenal. I've been proud and honored to be

associated with them," said Tillotson. "I'm honored to have been their leader and fight their battles. It's been a great ride and I'm grateful for having a front row seat."

During his career, Tillotson earned designations as an explosive ordnance disposal officer, master explosive ordnance disposal technician, and Naval parachutist.

The U.S. Navy's EOD community provides operational EOD capability as required for the location, identification, rendering safe, recovery, field evaluation, and disposal of all explosive ordnance, including chemical and nuclear weapons around the world.

For more news from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 1, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/eod1/>.

General Officer Assignments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (SEPT. 12, 2013)

The chief of staff, Air Force announced today the following assignments:

- Maj. Gen. Steven L. Kwast, director, Air Force Quadrennial Defense Review, Office of the Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., to commander, Curtis E. LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education, and vice commander, Air University, Air Education and Training Command, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- Brig. Gen. Duke Z. Richardson, vice commander, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to director, Logistics and Sustainment, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
- Col. Shaun Q. Morris, who has been selected for the grade of brigadier general, senior materiel leader, KC-46 System Program Manager, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to director, Air Force Security Assistance and Cooperation Directorate, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

NAVSUP Global Logistics Support Holds Change of Command

NAVY NEWS SERVICE (SEPT. 18, 2013)

H. Sam Samuelson

SAN DIEGO—Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Global Logistics Support (GLS) held a change of command ceremony aboard the *USS Midway* Museum, Sept. 18.

Rear Adm. Vincent L. Griffith relieved Rear Adm. Jonathan A. Yuen as commander.

NAVSUP GLS, based in San Diego, is the headquarters for a network of seven Fleet Logistics Centers around the globe, from Yokosuka, Japan, across the United States, to Sigonella, Italy.

An eighth Fleet Logistics Center is being established in Bahrain. As the “logistics face to the fleet,” NAVSUP GLS and its global logistics centers provide an extensive array of integrated global logistics and contract services to the Navy, Marine Corps, joint operational units, and allied forces across all warfare enterprises around the world.

Yuen’s next assignment will be commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, headquartered in Mechanicsburg, Pa.; he will also assume the role as 47th chief of Supply Corps.

“Today, NAVSUP GLS is providing innovative, creative, and cost-effective solutions that allow our Navy to remain ready to meet current challenges, continue to develop a relevant and capable future force, and to support our sailors, Navy civilians, and their families,” Yuen said during the ceremony. “The message I would leave with this NAVSUP GLS team is: each one of us must understand what we do every day to support the warfighter. Today, we are relevant. Now, together, we must continue to develop an organization that is resilient, but not redundant.”

Yuen continued, “What makes the Supply Corps unique is that we do not simply support from afar or, as some might say, ‘In the rear with the gear.’ Instead, we are imbedded with the aviators, surface warfare operators, submariners, Seabees, SEALs, EOD teams, the Marines, and—in many cases—the Army and Air Force.

“Our community prides itself in understanding the needs of the operator through firsthand experience. I am proud to say that we at GLS have continued this embedded culture that my predecessors here today fought so hard to instill and develop in our organization.”

Griffith comes to NAVSUP GLS from his previous assignment as director, Fleet Ordnance and Supply and as Fleet supply officer on the staff of Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.

“As I listened to Rear Admiral Heinrich’s [current Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, 46th chief of Supply Corps and change of command guest speaker] and Rear Admiral Yuen’s remarks, they both highlighted NAVSUP GLS’s numerous contributions to readiness.

“I am very impressed by the list of significant accomplishments. I am confident that we are aligned with the CNO’s tenets of Warfighting First, Operate Forward, Be Ready. This team will be faced with numerous challenges. Despite these challenges, I am confident this team has the initiative, ingenuity and strength to provide outstanding support to warfighters around the world.”

NAVSUP GLS, the fleet logistics component of NAVSUP, is comprised of more than 6,600 military and civilian logistics professionals operating from a total 110 locations worldwide.

For more news from Naval Supply Systems Command, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/navsup/>.

Capt. Darius Banaji Assumes Command of NAVFAC Southwest

NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND SOUTHWEST PUBLIC AFFAIRS (SEPT. 20, 2013)

Lee H. Saunders

SAN DIEGO—Capt. Darius Banaji succeeded Capt. Clifford M. Maurer as commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southwest Sept. 20 in a change of command ceremony held aboard the flight deck of the *USS Midway* Museum in San Diego.

The official party included guest speaker NAVFAC Atlantic Commander Rear Adm. Douglas G. Morton, Navy Region Southwest Commander Rear Adm. Patrick J. Lorge presenting an award, U.S. Navy Chaplain Capt. Robert Crossan giving the invocation and benediction, and NAVFAC Southwest Executive Officer Capt. Richard L. Whipple III as the master of ceremonies.

“I’m humbled, to have the honor to serve each of you,” said Banaji, during remarks at the ceremony. “I am committed to our NAVFAC-Region team and the continued success of our supported commanders across our great Region.”

Banaji became the sixth commanding officer of NAVFAC Southwest since its establishment in August 2005 after the disestablishment of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Division and Navy Public Works Center (PWC) San Diego.

Born in New Delhi, India and raised in Bellevue, Wash., Banaji graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1986.

He earned a Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1992 and completed the Executive Management Program

at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business in 2009.

Banaji is a registered engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia and a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer. He is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community and a Master Training Specialist.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (eight awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Achievement Medal (five awards), the Humanitarian Service Medal, and various unit and campaign medals. He is also the recipient of the "Captain Gilliss Award" for outstanding service and leadership.

"As we look at the history of NAVFAC Southwest, she has not only played a vital role alongside our contract partners to meet the needs of our Navy and Marine Corps team, she has also continued to transform and adapt over time," said Banaji.

Maurer commanded NAVFAC Southwest from July 2011 to September 2013. His departure as commanding officer and retirement was the climax of a 29-year naval career.

"It has been a tremendous honor to be part of the team at NAVFAC Southwest over the past two years," said Maurer. "When I came aboard, NAVFAC Southwest was executing the largest volume of work ever accomplished by a NAVFAC field command, \$3.2 billion annually. The planning, execution, and delivery of this workload was accomplished through the talented and dedicated workforce of NAVFAC Southwest and the high-quality contractors that serve the Navy and Marine Corps teams. In the past year, as the federal fiscal belt tightening associated with sequestration has taken hold, NAVFAC Southwest continues to lead in volume of work. The team has absolutely amazed me with their resilience and determination in the face of some challenging institutional and personal obstacles."

A native of Allentown, Pa., Maurer graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1984. He holds a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.

Maurer is a registered engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia and a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer. He is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community, American Soci-

ety of Civil Engineers, and the Society of American Military Engineers.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Bronze Star Medal (two awards); Meritorious Service Medal (three awards); Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards); Army Commendation Medal; and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He was awarded the Moreell Medal by the Society of American Military Engineers in 1996.

During Maurer's leadership, NAVFAC Southwest delivered \$6 billion in planning, design, construction, and support for Navy, Marine Corps, and other federal agencies, and directed a \$5 billion Marine Corps "Grow the Force" program, the largest Marine Corps construction effort since World War II. He managed Navy Region Southwest's \$420 million annual facilities budget during a period of substantial fiscal constraints.

Maurer's leadership was also instrumental in the Navy's first design-build hospital at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and the signing of over 20 megawatts in renewable power purchase agreements and numerous initiatives to reduce energy consumption and increase energy independence.

"Service is the foundation of all great communities," said Maurer. "I've had the privilege of a lifetime to serve the greatest nation our world has ever known, the entirety of my adult life, in the capacity as a commissioned Naval officer. The people, both in uniform and civilians, have amazed me every day of this journey—remarkably talented, dedicated beyond description, and unconditionally supportive—a true second family. While I am retiring my commission, I will always remain part of the Navy family, a fact in which I hold deep pride."

Maurer retired during a separate afternoon ceremony at the Admiral Kidd Catering and Conferencing Center in San Diego.

The more than 3,200 personnel of NAVFAC Southwest manage and execute an annual volume of work in excess of \$2.69 billion in support of its clients with services in planning; design; construction; real estate; environmental and public works support for U. S. Navy shore facilities; and Marine Corps, Army, Air Force, and other federal agencies in California, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, and Colorado.

For more news from Naval Facilities Engineering Command, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/navfachq/>.

Antonio Takes Command of Program Executive Office Littoral Combat Ships

PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE LITTORAL COMBAT SHIPS PUBLIC AFFAIRS (SEPT. 26, 2013)

WASHINGTON—Rear Adm. Brian K. Antonio relieved Rear Adm. James A. Murdoch as program executive officer for the Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) program during a change of office ceremony Sept. 20.

Antonio reports to Program Executive Office (PEO) LCS after serving most recently as the fleet maintenance officer on the staff of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Over the course of his 30-year career, he also served in assignments within the Program Executive Office, Ships; ship design manager for the CVN 78 class aircraft carrier; chief of staff to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Ships; and executive assistant and naval aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition.

Antonio is a 1983 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture. He received a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Naval Engineer's degree in 1990 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Murdoch, who has led PEO LCS since it was established in May 2011, will retire in a separate ceremony after 33 years of service.

The littoral combat ship class is designed to defeat threats in coastal waters where increasingly capable submarines, mines, and swarming small craft operate. To deliver capabilities against these threats, the Navy introduced LCS with innovative concepts, such as modular mission packages, to quickly respond to an evolving threat.

PEO LCS is responsible for delivering and sustaining the fleet's littoral mission capabilities. The consistent delivery of high-quality warfighting assets, while balancing affordability and capability, is key to supporting the nation's maritime strategy.

For more news from Naval Sea Systems Command, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/navsea/>.