NAVFAC
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
ENGINEERING AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE CENTER

Change of Command Ceremony

Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center

Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, CA

Building 1000

Thursday, July 30, 2015

two o'clock

Program

Arrival of Official Party

Parade the Colors

Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center
Color Guard

National Anthem

Mrs. Lisa Zimmerman

Invocation

Lieutenant Kenyon Keahr, Chaplain Corps, USN

Welcome

Mr. Tony Mrgudic

Guest of Honor Remarks

Rear Admiral Katherine L. Gregory, CEC, USN
Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Chief of Civil Engineers

Remarks and Reading of Orders

Captain Mark K. Edelson, CEC, USN

Reading of Orders, Assumption of Command, and Remarks

Captain Jayson D. Mitchell, CEC, USN

Benediction

Lieutenant Kenyon Keahr, Chaplain Corps, USN

Rear Admiral Katherine L. Gregory

Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy
Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Chief of Civil Engineers

Rear Admiral (RADM) Gregory assumed duties as Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Chief of Civil Engineers in October, 2012.

Previously, RADM Gregory served as Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific and the Pacific Fleet Civil Engineer. Her other facilities assignments include tours in Yokosuka, Japan; Naples, Italy; San Francisco, California; Adak, Alaska; and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. She has also had staff tours in Washington, D.C., serving as the Seabee Action Officer and Chief of Naval Operations Overseas Bases planning and action Officer.

Within the Naval Construction Force (Seabees), she has served with Amphibious Construction Battalion 1; Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1; Commanding Officer of NMCB 133; Commander, 30th Naval Construction Regiment; and Chief of Staff for the First Naval Construction Division. Throughout her Seabee tours, she deployed to the Western Pacific, The Mediterranean, Iraq, and Haiti.

RADM Gregory is a native of St. Louis and a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. She holds graduate degrees from the University of Southern California and George Washington University, and has completed the Senior Executive Program at the London School of Business.

She is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia, a qualified military parachutist, and Seabee Combat Warfare Officer.

Captain Mark K. Edelson

Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy

Captain Mark Edelson became the NAVFAC EXWC Commanding Officer in July 2013. He previously served as the NAVFAC Southeast Operations Officer.

He was commissioned through the ROTC program following graduation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a history minor. His first tour was with NMCB 5 during Operations Desert Shield/Storm. He continued his Seabee tours as the Officer in Charge for Construction Battalion Unit 405 in San Diego. He next reported as the Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction (ROICC) at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Crete, Greece before returning to California as the MCAS Camp Pendleton Public Works Officer where he supervised the $100 million BRAC enlargement of the Air Station. Captain Edelson attended graduate school in 1998, receiving a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Stanford University before reporting as the Officer in Charge of Combat Service Support Team 2 with Naval Special Warfare Group 2 in Norfolk, Virginia.

Following his tour with the SEALs he served as the ROICC for Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia. From February to June 2003 he was the I MEF Engineer Group Current Operations Officer during Operations Enduring/Iraqi Freedom. Following his return from Iraq he joined Engineering Field Activity Chesapeake as the Integrated Product Team Leader for the Naval District Washington. He next served as the Consequence Management Branch Head at Commander, Navy Installations Command where he directed the Navy's Fire & Emergency Services and Emergency Management programs. In 2006 he became the Public Works Officer at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California. Reporting to NAVFAC HQ in Washington, D.C. in 2008, he served as the Deputy Chief Operating Officer for the Navy Expeditionary Combat Enterprise until deploying to Afghanistan in April 2010 to direct the $6.8 billion construction program building facilities for the 195,000-solider Afghanistan Army and Air Force.

Captain Edelson is a registered civil engineer in Virginia, a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps, and a Seabee Combat Warfare Qualified Officer. His decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (six awards), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards).

Captain Jayson D. Mitchell

Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy

Captain Mitchell is a native of Beverly, Massachusetts. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Tufts University in 1992 and was commissioned the same year. Following commissioning, he reported to NAS Pensacola where he served as an Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction.

In 1995, Captain Mitchell reported to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 40, where he served as a Company Commander and Detail Officer in Charge (OIC). In 1997, he attended the University of Texas, earning his Master of Science in Engineering in 1998.

Following graduate school, Captain Mitchell served as Public Works Officer and Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Navy Regional Contracting Center, Singapore. He then attended the Naval War College from 2001 to 2002, where he earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. In 2002, he reported to the Joint Staff in Washington D.C., serving as Chief of the Engineer Support Branch until 2004.

From 2004 to 2006, Captain Mitchell served as the Executive Officer (XO) of NMCB 5. Following his XO tour, he deployed to Iraq in support of the Army Corps of Engineers and served as the OIC of the Camp Victory Public Works Resident Office in Baghdad. In May 2007, he reported to PWD North Potomac in Bethesda, MD as the Public Works Officer and in January 2008 was assigned as Resident Officer in Charge of Construction OICC Bethesda, where he led the design, construction, and contract administration for the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

In June of 2009, he assumed command of NMCB 7 and led "Magnificent 7" through a 10-month deployment in support of theater security cooperation efforts throughout the EUCOM and AFRICOM theaters as well as disaster relief efforts following the devastating earthquake in Haiti. In July of 2011, Captain Mitchell assumed duties as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations (N3) at First Naval Construction Division where he oversaw the global employment of the Naval Construction Force. He attended the Eisenhower School of National Security and Resource Strategy from August 2013 to June 2014, earning a Master of Arts degree in National Resource Strategy. Immediately following graduation, he reported to NAVFAC Washington and assumed duties as Operations Officer until his transfer to NAVFAC EXWC in July of 2015.

Captain Mitchell's personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards). He is a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Officer, fully Joint Qualified, a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps, and a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Virginia.

Mr. Tony Mrgudic

Business Director

Tony Mrgudic became the NAVFAC EXWC Business Director in June 2013, becoming the senior civilian in a workforce of 1,100 military and civilian personnel providing facilities research and development, specialized engineering, and lifecycle acquisition and management of expeditionary equipment for the Navy, Marine Corps, and other Department of Defense agencies.

Mr. Mrgudic previously served as the NAVFAC EXWC Transformation Manager, driving consolidation of NAVFAC Expeditionary Logistics Center (NFELC) and NAVFAC Engineering Service Center (NFESC) administrative functions and transforming labor-management relations from an adversarial position to an evolving partnership.

In 1992, Tony was selected to the command staff of Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, as a management analyst and Total Quality Leadership coordinator. During this period he supported NAVFAC efforts in Port Hueneme, as the Navy realigned responsibilities through Claimant Consolidation and Regionalization. In 2000, he joined the Resource Management Department as a program analyst and in 2002 became the NFELC Budget Officer. During this period, he became a Certified Navy Mediator. In 2006, he was selected as the NFELC Comptroller and Business Officer. In 2008, he received a Meritorious Civilian Service Medal for his exemplary efforts in leading the execution of $1.1B in Global War on Terrorism requirements for the Navy Expeditionary communities. In March 2010, Tony assumed the Business Director duties at NFELC and was a leader in the Specialty Center Consolidation Study that resulted in the establishment of NAVFAC EXWC. In May 2013, he was recognized for those efforts with a second Meritorious Civilian Service Medal while serving as the newly formed command's Transformation Manager. In June 2013, he assumed the Business Director duties at NAVFAC EXWC.

He is a graduate of San Diego State University, a Certified Defense Financial Manager, a 2003 graduate of the Department of Defense Professional Military Comptroller School and a 2012 graduate of the Federal Executive Institute's Leadership for a Democratic Society.

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Change of Command Tradition

The ceremonies, customs, and traditions of our modern Navy draw their origin from ancient customs and laws of the sea. Begun in historic times by seafaring men, these customs gradually merged into the British Naval Regulations in effect at the time of the American Revolution.

The Change of Command Ceremony you witness today is not prescribed specifically by Navy Regulation, but rather is an honored product of the rich heritage of Naval tradition which formally restates the continuity of command to its officers and personnel. It is a custom wholly Naval, without an equivalent counterpart in the Army or Air Force. Custom has established that this ceremony be formal and impressive, designed to strengthen respect for authority, which is vital to any military organization.

The heart of the ceremony is the reading of official orders by the relieving officer and the officer to be relieved. Command passes upon utterance by the relieving officer, "*I relieve you Sir!*" The officer being relieved responds, "*I stand relieved!*" This is unique in the world today; in that it is the transfer of total responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another. This simple procedure is duplicated hundreds of times daily throughout the Navies of the world as each watch officer passes responsibility to his relief in the conduct of the ship's routine.

The strength and supremacy of today's U.S. Navy stems in part from the observance of customs and traditions, each founded on need, each contributing its share to stability, combat effectiveness, and smooth transfer of authority. This simple ceremony, passing authority and responsibility to another officer, reflects the dedication of free citizens serving their nation proudly.

History of the Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center

NAVFAC EXWC is a command of 1,100 dedicated men and women who provide specialized facilities engineering, technology solutions, and lifecycle management of expeditionary equipment to the Navy, Marine Corps, federal agencies, and other Department of Defense supported commands. NAVFAC's only Warfare Center was established in September 2012 and represents the consolidation of the NAVFAC Engineering Service Center, the NAVFAC Expeditionary Logistics Center, the Specialty Center Acquisitions NAVFAC, and the NAVFAC Information Technology Center.

NAVFAC EXWC represents organizations that have a rich and proud history dating back to May 1942, when the Advance Base Depot, Port Hueneme, was established to train, stage, and supply the newly created Seabees; and 1948 when the Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory (NCEL) was established at Solomons, Maryland, for the testing of commercial equipment used by Naval Mobile Construction Battalions. NCEL expanded into a full spectrum research, development, testing and evaluation center and relocated to Port Hueneme, California, in 1950.

In 1993, NAVFAC consolidated NCEL with five major components: the Naval Energy and Environmental Support Activity (established in 1980); the Ocean Construction Project Office (FPO-1) and the Shore Electronics Project Office (FPO-2) - both located in Washington D.C.; the NAVFAC Assistant Commander for Engineering and Design; and the Ocean Facilities Program Office.

In the late 1990s, the Navy began streamlining its shore stations. Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC – formerly the Advance Base Depot) with its dual mission as both logistics and mobilization support for the Seabees and host command for base support services, experienced a series of changes. In October 2000, NCBC's base support mission was realigned to the newly established Naval Base Ventura County, which carries on the proud tradition as the Home of the Pacific Seabees. NCBC's mission remained dedicated to support the Naval Construction Force and other expeditionary units.

In June 2003, NCBC's name changed to Naval Facilities Expeditionary Logistics Center (NFELC) to better reflect the command's mission to support the Navy Expeditionary Forces. In 2006, with the creation of the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) and NAVFAC's designation as their primary Systems Command, NFELC expanded its role leading Navy expeditionary logistics support.

Today NAVFAC EXWC continues the legacy of these organizations with the motto – "Technology Driven - Warfighter Focused."

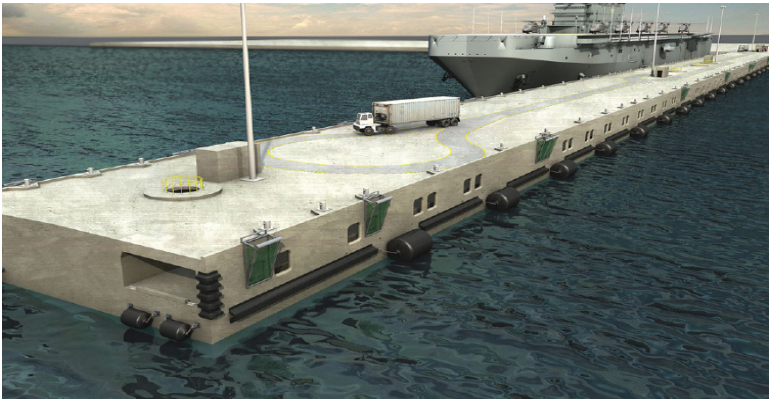
Command Mission, Vision, & Motto

Our Mission: NAVFAC EXWC supports combatant capabilities and sustainable facilities through specialized engineering, technology development, and life logistics services.

Our Vision: We are your trusted partner for premier engineering and logistics support.

Our Motto: Technology Driven - Warfighter Focused.

NAVFAC EXWC is an integral part of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC). NAVFAC is a global military command that has an annual volume of business in excess of $12 billion. With headquarters in Washington, D.C. and component commands that function together as one high-performing team, NAVFAC is the Systems Command that delivers and maintains quality, sustainable facilities, acquires and manages capabilities for the Navy's expeditionary combat forces, provides contingency engineering response, and enables energy security and environmental stewardship.



Past Commanding Officers
Naval Facilities Engineering
and Expeditionary Warfare Center

Captain B. D. Pickrell
October 2012 - July 2013

Captain M. K. Edelson
July 2013 - July 2015

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