NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND, SOUTHEAST
CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

CAPTAIN MIKE MONREAL, CEC, USN
CAPTAIN JORGE R. CUADROS, CEC, USN

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NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE, FL
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION
Mr. Bob McCauslin

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REMARKS
Rear Admiral Dean A. VanderLey
Commander NAVFAC Atlantic

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER’S REMARKS
Rear Admiral Gary A. Mayes
Commander, Navy Region Southeast

CITATION
Captain Tom Bestafka

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

REMARKS
Captain Mike Monreal
Commanding Officer, NAVFAC Southeast

CHANGE OF COMMAND

REMARKS
Captain Jorge R. Cuadros
Prospective Commanding Officer, NAVFAC Southeast

BENEDICTION
Mr. Bob McCauslin

ANCHORS AWEIGH - SONG OF THE SEABEES
Among seafaring nations there is a tradition older than even the tradition of the country itself. It is the tradition that with responsibility goes authority and with them go accountability. The captain of a ship or organization, like the captain of a state, is given honor, privilege, trust and responsibility above other men and women.

The Change of Command ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates the continuity of the authority of command.

It is a formal ritual normally conducted before the assembled company of the command.

It is a transfer of responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another.

Command passes upon utterance by the relieving officer, “I relieve you, sir!” The officer being relieved responds, “I stand relieved.”

This year, the ceremony has been modified to account for proper social distancing measures and will be streamed live on Facebook. Even though we are far apart, we are more connected than ever. For the first time, the entire command can participate in NAVFAC Southeast’s Change of Command ceremony, regardless of location.

The officers, Chiefs, and staff of Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southeast take great pleasure in welcoming you to this significant and historical event.

**THE COMMANDING OFFICERS OF NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND SOUTHEAST**

- Captain Jorge R. Cuadros  
  Jul 2020 -
- Captain Mike Monreal  
  Jun 2018 - Jul 2020
- Captain Patrick A. Garin  
  Jun 2016 - Jun 2018
- Captain Craig S. Hamer  
  Jun 2014 - Jun 2016
- Captain Christopher D. Kiwus  
  Jul 2012 - Jun 2014
- Captain John J. Heinzel  
  Jul 2010 - Jul 2012
- Captain Douglas G. Morton  
  Jul 2008 - Jul 2010
- Captain Michael L. Blount  
  Jun 2006 - Jul 2008
Rear Admiral Dean VanderLey is a native of Tacoma, Washington. He is a Calvin College graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and received his commission from the U.S. Navy’s Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island in 1991. He holds a Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Stanford University.

After entering the Navy through the nuclear submarine training pipeline, VanderLey served on USS Michigan (SSBN 727), in various division officer positions from 1993-1996. He then served as the lead instructor for the Trident Prospective Commanding Officer course at Trident Training Facility, Bangor.

VanderLey was selected for transfer to the Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) in 1998. His initial CEC tours included assistant resident officer in charge of construction at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard; assistant public works officer, Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland; and operations officer for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7.

His facilities and staff tours include planning officer at Commander, Navy Installations Command; executive assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), public works officer, Naval Station Norfolk; Civil Engineer Corps head detailer; deputy commander for operations, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic, and most recently vice commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic.


His decorations include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal (four awards), Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Commendation Ribbon, and Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals. VanderLey is a Submarine and Seabee Combat Warfare officer, Joint Qualified Officer, member of the Acquisition Professional Community, registered Professional Engineer, and a Certified Energy Manager. VanderLey is proud to have served with teams authorized to wear the Army and Navy Meritorious Unit Commendations, Navy “E” Ribbon, and in receipt of the Peltier Award.
Rear Admiral Gary Mayes is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana and a 1987 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor of science degree. He received his commission from Aviation Officer Candidate School in 1988 and was designated a naval aviator in 1989. He is also a 1999 graduate of the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College with a Master of Military Studies and a 2002 graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Strategic Thinking Workshop from the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School and the Leadership Decision Making Program from the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education.

At sea, he flew the SH-60B/R during tours with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 48 and 46. He served as the executive officer and commanding officer of HSL-44.

He participated in operations conducted in Haiti, South America, Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Adriatic Sea and Persian Gulf. He also served as the officer in charge of a combined East and West coast HSL/Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) detachment of 16 helicopters conducting rescue and humanitarian relief missions in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

His shore assignments include duty as a station pilot at Naval Air Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, flying the UH-1N and C12B; Senate liaison officer in the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs; naval aide to the vice president of the United States; administrative aide to the secretary of the Navy; commanding officer of Naval Base Coronado; deputy director, Plans and Programs for Commander, Navy Installations Command; executive assistant to the assistant secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment; commander, Navy Region Northwest; and served on the staff of Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics.

Mayes assumed command as the 41st commander of Navy Region Southeast in February 2019.

He has accumulated over 3,300 flight hours in fixed and rotary wing aircraft. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (six awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Achievement Medal (three awards) and numerous campaign and unit ribbons.
Monreal’s shore duties consist of facilities, environmental and construction contract management tours as commanding officer, regional engineer, public works officer, resident officer in charge of construction and project engineer for overseas locations in the Pacific, Europe and the continental U.S. As operations officer for Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, he oversaw the Navy-USMC MILCON program of record across the Pacific as well as the execution of the Defense Policy Review Initiative (DPRI) build up in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands and the Air Force and Marine Corps construction program in Australia.

His operational tours consists of leading expeditionary engineering and construction units at every echelon of the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command. As Air Detachment officer in charge (OIC) with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) THREE, he deployed to Albania in support of Joint Task Force Shining Hope humanitarian effort and Kosovo in support of Operation Noble Anvil. As operations officer with NMCB THREE, he deployed to Iraq as part of Task Force Sierra in support of Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom II. Monreal was the commanding officer of NMCB ELEVEN from 2009, in their first deployment since commissioning, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom II in Afghanistan, Kuwait and Camp Lemonier, Djibouti. As chief staff officer with Naval Construction Group TWO, he led the transition of the command from 30th Seabee Readiness Group to the newly commissioned Naval Construction Group TWO.

Monreal assumed duties as commanding officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast and duties as the regional engineer, Navy Region Southeast on June 21, 2018.

Monreal is a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare officer, registered Professional Engineer in Virginia, a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps and a level III warranted Contracting Officer. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards) Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and various unit awards and medals.
Captain Jorge Cuadros is a native of Bogota, Colombia. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of New Haven, and a Master of Science in Civil and Environmental from Stanford University. He enlisted in the Navy in March 1991 and was commissioned in July 1996.

His officer expeditionary tours include assignment as commanding officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) ELEVEN. Prior to that, he was the operations officer for Naval Construction Group TWO, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment and The 25th Naval Construction Regiment. Previously, he served as NMCB SEVEN’s Air Detachment officer-in-charge and then as the battalion operations officer. His seven deployments include contingency and peacetime construction spread over 50 countries in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and the Global War on Terrorism as well as participation in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in the Sri Lanka and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Other shore tours included his first officer assignment as an Assistant Site Team Leader at Public Works Center, San Diego, Calif.; aide to Commander Naval Forces, Marianas and Pacific Command Representative Guam Area;. resident officer in charge of construction (ROICC) for Naval Station Mayport, Fla.; director of Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; and most recently as Staff Civil Engineer and Legislative Liaison for the Department of the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington, DC.

As an enlisted member, he served with Construction Battalion Unit 414 in Groton, Conn. and “The Magnificent” Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) SEVEN.

Captain Cuadros served as Executive Officer, NAVFAC EURAFCENT since June of 2018.

Captain Cuadros is a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Officer and a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Florida. He is most proud to have served with units that earned two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, the Navy Unit Commendation, two Meritorious Unit Commendations, three Battle Efficiencies and a Peltier Award.
ANCHORS AWEIGH

Stand Navy out to sea, fight our battle cry!
We’ll never change our course so vicious foes steer shy-y-y-y-y!
Roll out the TNT, anchors aweigh!
Sail on to victory, and sink their bones to Davy Jones, hooray!

Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh!
Farewell to Foreign Shores, we sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay!
Through our last night ashore, drink to the foam,
Until we meet once more, here’s wishing you a happy voyage home!

SONG OF THE SEABEES

We’re the Seabees of the Navy,
We can build and we can fight.
We’ll pave the way to victory
And guard it day and night.
And we promise that we’ll remember
The “Seventh of December”.
We’re the Seabees of the Navy
Bees of the Seven Seas.