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Deets Passes Command of Center for Cryptology Corry Station to Hooley

PENSACOLA, Fla. - Center for Cryptology (CC) Corry Station Commanding Officer Capt. Edward H. Deets III was relieved by Capt. Kevin R. Hooley today at a change of command ceremony held in the National Museum of Naval Aviation at Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Deets, who has been selected for promotion to the rank of rear admiral (lower half), described his command tour at CC Corry Station as the finest three years in his 25 years of Naval service.

"Command is the greatest honor, the greatest challenge, and the most rewarding job anyone could ever hope to have - especially command of a schoolhouse," he said. "The hope of our great nation that embraces diversity and the rule of law is in the hands of the young Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, and Airmen who protect our national security. Preparing them to serve honorably, courageously, with determination and dedication - I can't imagine a greater legacy than that."

During Deets' tenure at CC Corry Station, the command underwent a significant reorganization under the Chief of Naval Operations' Revolution in Training, which included the stand-up of the Center for Cryptology and realignment of domain learning sites and programs.

Deets was credited with reforming and consolidating cryptologic training, reducing training time by 25 percent and lowering the average backlog of students awaiting instruction, netting an estimated cost savings of 16.5 million dollars. He was also instrumental in crafting the merger of the Cryptologic Technician Technical and Electronic Warfare enlisted ratings, and the establishment of the Navy's newest rating, Cryptologic Technician Networks.

Under Deets' leadership, the command won the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) Training Excellence Award (large activity category) twice, garnering special recognition for demonstrating superior performance in providing the highest quality training to Sailors around the world.

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Maintaining the command's historically strong community ties, Deets said he was particularly proud of his staff members and students for volunteering thousands of hours in more than 30 community

service programs and civic partnerships, including the nation's longest running Saturday Scholars program.

"I think all of us at Corry are mindful of the privilege we have to live and work in such a great community as Pensacola," said Deets. "The people are so supportive of us. It's an honor for us to have the opportunity to give something back to our community."

Deets was awarded the Legion of Merit for his accomplishments. He will be temporarily assigned to the Naval Education and Training Command.

Hooley reports to Pensacola from Bahrain, where he served as Force/Fleet Cryptologist and Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence at U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/ Commander, Fifth Fleet. He served concurrently as Director of Naval Security Group Central, leading all Naval cryptologic operations and personnel in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the Global War on Terrorism.

After enlisting in the Navy in 1972, Hooley reported to Corry Station for Cryptologic Technician Collection Class "A" School. Following 10 years of enlisted service, he was commissioned a Limited Duty Officer, and then redesignated a Special Duty Officer, Cryptology, in 2003. His personal awards include the Bronze Star, four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, and three Joint Service Commendation Medals, among others.

"My wife Isabel and I are extremely happy to be here," said Hooley. "Pensacola is renowned throughout the Navy for its hospitality and top-notch quality of life. The job of the Center is mission critical to our Navy, and I am proud to be a part of it. A great job in a great city ... it doesn't get any better than this."

The Center for Cryptology manages initial skills training for cryptologic officers and enlisted personnel. The CC domain includes 13 learning sites and three detachments throughout the United States and in Japan, which provide training for approximately 1,800 students daily from each of the military services, as well as allied forces.

For more information on CC Corry Station, visit the command's Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/cryptology.

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