

Noles Relieves Allen as Farragut Commanding Officer

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CAPT Danny Noles, a cryptologist and former director of Joint Forces Headquarters-Cyber, Fleet Cyber Command, relieved CAPT Bob Allen as commanding officer of Farragut Technical Analysis Center, in a 22 June ceremony held at the National Maritime Intelligence Center. Allen is retiring in October after 30 years of service in the U.S. Navy.

Allen was praised for the work he did as the first military leader of the Farragut Center. Established in 2009, the center's top leadership position transitioned from civilian director to a Navy Commanding Officer two years ago.

COMONI RADM Robert Sharp said the more than two dozen flag officers and senior executives attending the change of command reflected the important role Allen has played.

"I cannot remember an event like this where we had that many [senior level] individuals here," Sharp said. "It's testimony to how special Bob is and what he means to all of us here and what this command means to all of us."

Guest speaker Lynn Wright, deputy director of Naval Intelligence, praised Allen for his "outstanding leadership and his tireless efforts" that have contributed greatly to the Naval Intelligence mission.

To understand the importance of Allen's leadership and that of the incoming commanding officer, she said, it is important to understand the role Farragut plays in keeping the Navy strong and the nation safe.

"This is kind of an unusual operation here," she said. "It is a technical intelligence center" where the work being done is "absolutely crucial to the safety and ultimate victory of the United States Navy. They are supporting both today's Navy but also the Navy of the next 40 to 50 years."

Wright said she is in awe of the "amazing knowledge, expertise and craftiness" that Farragut staff brings to the mission.

"Farragut excels at the work they've been doing in understanding platforms and combat systems and how it all comes together," she said. "There is a new world out there and it's important that we understand those platforms and systems and how they all connect."

Wright said she is confident Noles will provide the same level of leadership as Allen and will carry forth Farragut's traditions.

Allen said he is grateful he was chosen to be the Farragut Center's first military leader and proud of the professionals who surrounded him.

"One of the advantages of being a Captain is being able to ask for advice and not necessarily having to take it," Allen said quoting the fictional Captain James T. Kirk from the television show *Star Trek*.



CAPT Danny Noles said he was honored to join Farragut as Commanding Officer 22 June, at a change of command ceremony at the National Maritime Intelligence Center.



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“In my case, I almost always heeded the advice of all these fine professionals,” Allen said. “So thank you for keeping us on track. I really appreciate it.”

Noles said Allen’s vision built the command from the ground up and that he was humbled and honored to be joining the Farragut team.

“You’ve left me very big shoes to fill,” he said to Allen. “But I’m honored to be your relief.”

Noles said when he joined the Navy, the recruiting message was “It’s not a job, it’s an adventure.”

“The Navy has delivered on that promise many times over during my career,” he said. “Especially today.”

Farragut is the Navy's Center of Excellence for strategic scientific and technical intelligence (S&TI) analysis of foreign technologies, sensors, weapons, platforms, combat systems, C4ISR, and cyber capabilities.

