

CAPT Kelley Assumes Command of Nimitz Operational Intelligence Center

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CAPT Sean Kelley assumed command of the Office of Naval Intelligence's Nimitz Operational Intelligence Center in a ceremony held at the National Maritime Intelligence Center in Suitland, MD on 19 May, relieving CAPT Nicholas Homan, who will become ONI's Chief of Staff.

Kelley previously served as Director, Fleet Intelligence and Deputy Director, Maritime Operations Center at U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet. He held a previous command tour with the U.S. Navy Information Operations Command in Misawa, Japan followed by a tour as executive assistant to former Director of Naval Intelligence VADM Ted Branch.

"I could not be more excited about Sean Kelley coming in here," said RADM Robert Sharp, Commander Office of Naval Intelligence. Sharp said Kelley's work with the Director of Naval Intelligence gave him a "deep understanding of how the Pentagon works" and that his experience at ONI as a junior officer and his vast operational experience were also assets.

CAPT Kelley said that serving as head of Nimitz was a tremendous honor and that he was excited about the assignment.

"There's quite simply no place that I'd rather be right now than with the Nimitz team in Suitland and we're going to continue to pursue the security challenges and we're going to do so aggressively."

He said he looked forward to working with Nimitz as the center continues to build its "fine record of success."

RADM Sharp praised outgoing Nimitz Commanding Officer CAPT Nicholas Homan's achievements during his tour at Nimitz and said changes of command are a time where leaders often reflect on whether they were successful and whether they made a difference.

"I'm here to tell you Nick, that you did," Sharp said. "Everywhere you look there are members from Nimitz Operational Intelligence Center advising the nation, helping to understand the adversary and helping to shape the future."

RADM Sharp said not a day goes by where he does not get an accolade based on something that someone in Nimitz is doing.

"So if you measure success by what the command is doing," Sharp said. "I'd say you've been successful."



Nimitz Commanding Officer CAPT Sean Kelley addresses a crowd at his change of command.

