

McCartney takes Command of Hopper Information Services Center

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A Chief Information Officer who directed the provisioning of information technology services to more than 2,000 staff members, including the Navy's top leadership in the CNO's office, took command of Hopper Information Services Center 17 Nov.

CAPT Eric S. "Rick" McCartney became Commanding Officer of the Center after CAPT Susan BryerJoyner was assigned to serve as Information Warfare Commander Afloat for Carrier Strike Group Eight aboard USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75).

The ceremony was video teleconferenced to Naples, Italy; Norfolk, VA; San Diego, CA; and Whidbey Island, WA.

McCartney said he was impressed that the change of command was a "global event" being seen by those who are "part of the Hopper global mission."

"I pledge to give you my very best effort as your Commanding Officer," McCartney said.

BryerJoyner said her 22 months at Hopper were tremendous and that she was postponing packing her office until the last day because she was not willing to let go.

"The days have been long but the 22 months have flown by," BryerJoyner said. "In that relatively short period of time, we have accomplished amazing things."

One big accomplishment was the transition to Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI).

"We have a footprint that extends ocean to ocean," said BryerJoyner, telling McCartney that he would be leading a great civilian and military team that brings a combination of skills.

"Our civilians provide the continuity, the professionalism that we need to bring our Sailors up to speed very quickly in this dynamic organization," BryerJoyner said. "Sailors, you provide the fuel for the innovation engine because you bring new ideas. You're coming from different places and you have fresh enthusiasm."

BryerJoyner thanked COMONI RADM Robert Sharp for his humor and the "sense of family" he brings to the enterprise through his weekly announcements that recognize individual accomplishments.

"Your willingness to recognize the accomplishments on a weekly basis instead of waiting for the end of the year or the end of the quarter...made a tremendous difference in the overall command morale and environment," BryerJoyner said.

Sharp thanked BryerJoyner for her work at Hopper as he welcomed McCartney.



CAPT Eric S. "Rick" McCartney addresses a crowd at his change of command.



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“I knew that she (BryerJoyner) would come in here with a fresh set of eyes and really take us to the next level and she has not disappointed,” he said. “I hate to lose talent but I love to see talent going on to do great things.”

Sharp said McCartney has the operational background needed for Hopper to continue its success, and that he himself was deliberate in selecting both leaders.

“I brought both of these Commanding Officers here not only for their leadership, but also because of their expertise and their connections into the [Information Professionals] community,” said Sharp.

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