

A New Commanding Officer for ONI's Farragut Technical Analysis Center

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ONI's Farragut Technical Analysis Center assumption of command ceremony marked a milestone for the scientific and technical center as it joined ONI's other centers as a major shore command led by a commanding officer.

Established in 2009, the center's leadership transitioned from a civilian Director to a Navy Commanding Officer. Upon reading his orders, CAPT Bob Allen said he was humbled to be entrusted with the responsibility.

"It's not an exaggeration to say that our – your – work is the foundation of Naval Intelligence," Allen said at the 21 July ceremony. "Operational intelligence is certainly the core competence of Naval Intelligence (and) scientific and technical intelligence truly enables the Navy to carry out its mission."

Allen came to the Farragut Center from the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office where he was chief of staff. He recently visited USS *Farragut* (DDG 99) and said that it is the Farragut Center's duty to ensure that the destroyer and others like it maintain their competitive advantage over potential adversaries.

As commanding officer, Allen also pledged to do his part. "I will listen to your ideas and concerns, facilitate and enable your efforts, work to secure the resources, and sustain an environment where you can be successful," he said. He also promised to prioritize and "de-conflict" any competing requirements.

ONI Commander Rear Admiral Robert Sharp praised the Farragut Center's professionals for knowing the enemy, advising the Navy and nation and shaping the future. "It is needed for the Navy to achieve its mission," he said. "It is needed for the Navy to achieve its vision for where we're trying to go."

Sharp said he is committed to making sure the center gets the prominence and understanding it needs from Navy leaders.

"It is one of the most tremendous commands we have in the Navy," Sharp said. "I fear that people don't really have a true appreciation for what Farragut is and what value it provides."



CAPT Bob Allen, left, is sworn in as Commanding Officer of the Farragut Technical Analysis Center by ONI Commander RADM Robert Sharp in a ceremony at ONI headquarters in Suitland, MD 21 July.

