

# Hines Takes Helm of Hopper

FROM THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Captain Tracy Hines relieved CAPT Eric McCartney as commanding officer of the Hopper Information Services Center in a Sept. 20 ceremony at the National Maritime Intelligence Center. She thanked her new team for making her feel like a part of the family even before she was officially sworn in.

Hines came from 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet, where she served as the assistant chief of staff for the largest of the Navy's forward-deployed fleets.

This marks the second time Hines has served in an organization named after RADM Grace Hopper, who, Hines noted, retired at 79 as the oldest active-duty commissioned officer in the Navy. In 2014, Hines began serving as commanding officer of the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station located in the Grace Hopper building in San Diego.

"Either I'm destined to be like Grace Hopper or maybe I'm already there," Hines joked. "I'm excited to join the Hopper locomotive—and rest assured—that is exactly what we are going to be."

She said that in the two weeks leading up to the change of command, she witnessed the Hopper team "soaring down the tracks" and that McCartney's outstanding leadership made it easy for her to jump aboard.

Hines ended her remarks by calling out, "All Aboard," which was met with clapping, laughter, and train sounds from the audience.

ONI Commander RADM Kelly Aeschbach said her experience working with Hines as part of OPNAV N2/N6 team under VADM Kendall Card taught her a few things about Hines' qualifications for the job. "I can attest to her professionalism, her dedication to duty, and her strong desire to do the right thing for her unit and for the Navy."

Aeschbach thanked McCartney for his work with Hopper and told him he had many reasons to be proud. "You injected energy into the command when it needed it," Aeschbach said.

Hines' operational assignments included USS Constellation, where she completed two deployments to the Western Pacific and the Arabian Gulf; USS Cleveland, taking part in Operation Enduring Freedom; and Naval Special Warfare Group One, as the officer in charge of mobile communications team.

Her ashore assignments include Program Executive Office C41, OPNAV N2/N6 and BUPERS-3.

Hines served as commanding officer for Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station San Diego from January 2014 to March 2016.

She has earned the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

McCartney received orders to report to OPNAV N2/N6-G, where he will focus on cybersecurity policy.



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Hines thanked the Hopper team for making her feel so welcome when she arrived two weeks before the change of command ceremony.

“I felt like I was part of the family from day one,” she said. “You’ve openly embraced me...I’m walking down the passageway and you’re asking ‘How are you doing, ma’am?’ and going out your way to introduce yourself to me. That means to world to me.”

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