



**CAPTAIN ERIC S. MCCARTNEY**  
**COMMANDING OFFICER**  
**HOPPER INFORMATION SERVICES CENTER**



Captain Eric S. "Rick" McCartney assumed command of the Hopper Information Services Center in November 2017. Prior to this assignment, CAPT McCartney was the Assistant Chief of Staff for Communications and Information Systems (N6) at Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Central Command in Bahrain.

CAPT McCartney graduated with honors from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1990 with a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering. He earned his Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Maryland the same year.

CAPT McCartney's first at-sea assignment was aboard USS *Billfish* (SSN 676), where he served as Chemical and Radiological Controls Assistant, Main Propulsion Assistant, Torpedo/Fire Control Officer, and Sonar Officer. He qualified in submarines and as nuclear engineer officer. He reported for instructor duty to Submarine School, Groton, CT, in June 1995 and during this tour he transitioned to the Fleet Support community. He was assigned as the C4I Integration officer at COMUSNAVEUR in London, UK, and subsequently taught core curriculum leadership classes to both second class and fourth class midshipmen at the Naval Academy.

He served as Officer in Charge, Naval Satellite Operations Center Detachment Delta at Schriever AFB, Colorado Springs, CO from October 2003 to October 2005. His team of satellite engineers and ground system operators performed telemetry, tracking, and commanding contacts for five Navy satellite constellations valued at over \$7 billion. CAPT McCartney reported to the staff of Commander, Carrier Strike Group 3 (CSG-3) embarked aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74), where he completed assignments as Deputy Information Warfare Commander (DIWC) and as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Combat Systems and Intelligence (C5I). His back-to-back sea tours with two full overseas deployments ended in 2009 with his orders for command as Commanding Officer, Naval Computers and Telecommunications Station, Jacksonville, FL, from 2009 to 2011.

He then served as the Chief Information Officer for the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, where he directed the provision of information technology services to over 2,000 staff members, including the Navy's top leadership. CAPT McCartney has also served as Chief, Core Enterprise Services for the NATO Communications and Information (NCI) Agency in Mons, Belgium and as Operations Branch Head, Cyber Security, for the NCI Agency.

CAPT McCartney has earned the NATO Meritorious Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 Awards), and various other service awards. He is a native of Doylestown, PA.

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