

CAPTAIN NEIL SMITH COMMANDING OFFICER KENNEDY IRREGULAR WARFARE CENTER



Captain Neil Smith assumed command of the Kennedy Irregular Warfare Center in August 2017. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Senior Oceanographer Detailer at NAVPERSCOM.

His first operational assignment was with the Mobile Environmental Team in Jackson, FL, where he deployed to surface combatants and overseas in support of Allied operations and exercises. Additionally, he served onboard USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63), forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan, as the METOC services officer and oceanographer for U.S. 7th Fleet embarked on USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC 19), which deployed throughout the Western Pacific in support of international fleet engagements and exercises.

CAPT Smith's shore assignments include Joint Typhoon Warning Center, serving as Typhoon Duty forecaster and operations officer; Submarine Group 7, leading military survey operations and advising the Commander on Undersea Warfare; International Programs Officer for OPNAV N2N6, Undersea Surveillance branch; and executive officer, Fleet Weather Center, Norfolk, VA.

CAPT Smith is the recipient of various personal and campaign awards including the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Joint Commendation Medal and Military Outstanding Voluntary Service Medal.

