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McAneny Becomes 27th Commandant of the National War College

Washington, DC -- Rear Admiral Douglas J. McAneny, USN, has assumed command as 27th Commandant of the National War College. During the ceremony, VADM Anne E. Rondeau, USN, President of the National Defense University, praised RADM McAneny, calling him a "man who loves the world of ideas" and a "leader who wants to be in the classroom."

The National War College is one of five colleges within the National Defense University.

Rear Admiral McAneny is a 1978 graduate of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Naval Reserve Officers Training Unit with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in civil engineering, and holds a Master of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Oklahoma.

His early sea tours included assignments as division officer, USS Trepang (SSN-674); USS Tunny (SSN-682); executive officer, USS Drum (SSN-677); and officer-in-charge of Moored Training Ship (MTS-635).

McAneny's first command assignment was as Commanding Officer of USS Philadelphia (SSN-690). During his command, the ship was awarded three consecutive Battle "E" Awards.

Tours ashore include assignments as flag lieutenant, Commander Submarine Group 2; a Joint tour at the U.S. Strategic Command serving as plans and policy directorate (J5); assistant to the Director for Training, Personnel and Policy matters for the Director Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (NAVSEA 08); Commander, Submarine Squadron 11 with additional duties as Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet representative West Coast; as executive assistant and senior Naval aide to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet headquartered in Pearl Harbor and deputy director for Politico-Military Affairs (Europe/NATO/Russia/Africa)(J5) on the Joint Staff in Washington.

McAneny was the 40th Commander, Submarine Group 7, Yokosuka, Japan, from December 2006 to June 2008. During that assignment, he was responsible for coordinating and controlling submarine activities covering nearly 48 percent of the Earth's surface in the 7th and 5th Fleet areas of responsibility. From June 2008 to December 2010, Rear Admiral McAneny served as Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (Three Awards), Legion of Merit (Six Awards), Meritorious Service Medal (Three Awards), Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal (Two Awards).

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