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Mitchell Relieves Galinis as Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Gulf Coast

PASCAGOULA, MISS – Capt. Stephen Wayne Mitchell relieved Capt. William John Galinis as commanding officer, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Gulf Coast (SUPSHIP GC), Sept. 8, at Ingalls Shipbuilding shipyard, Pascagoula, Miss.

Mitchell previously served as SUPSHIP GC operations deputy. He also served as deputy commander, Northwest Regional Maintenance Center, Bremerton, Wash. Mitchell served on the destroyer USS King (DDG 41) before becoming an engineering duty officer.

During the ceremony, Galinis received his third Legion of Merit, the seventh highest award in the Department of Defense. Officers and enlisted men of the armed forces of the United States and nationals of other countries receive the award for "distinguishing themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services."

In his remarks, Vice Adm. Kevin M. McCoy, commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, praised Galinis for the great work accomplished he's done while serving as the commanding officer of SUPSHIP GC.

"Since I've been at NAVSEA, this activity has made an invaluable impact on the Navy's ability to provide technical, programmatic and contracting excellence engaged in the design and construction of surface ships," said McCoy.

Galinis will report to Norfolk Ship Support Activity, Norfolk, Va., as its commanding officer. Previously, Galinis served on the frigates USS Vreeland (FF 1068) and USS Roark (FF 1053) before transferring to the engineering duty officer community. As an engineering duty officer, Galinis serves in new construction and acquisition assignments for amphibious ships.

"It has been a tremendous honor and privilege to work with and lead the SUPSHIP GC team over the last two years. I thank each and every one of you for the great work you all do. You all are making a very positive and important mark on our Navy and Marine Corps," said Galinis.

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A field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command, SUPSHIP GC is responsible for engineering, contract administration, and quality assurance of assigned private shipyards in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The activity employs 374 civilian and 30 military personnel, and currently administers contracts valued at \$42.3 at 17 prime contractors. The command delivers more than 50 percent of the Navy's new construction ships and craft as well as numerous Foreign Military Sales vessels.

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