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Pratt Relieves Brovarone as NSWC Panama City Commander

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — Capt. Everett Scott Pratt relieved Capt. Thomas Joseph Brovarone as commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division (NSWC PCD) Sept. 2 in a ceremony at NSWC PCD's Littoral Warfare Systems Facility.

Prior to assuming command of NSWC PCD, Pratt was assigned to the Program Executive Office Integrated Warfare Systems (PEO IWS). His previous tours include two assignments to the staff of the chief of naval operations, first in the Strategic Plans and Policy Division of the Space, Information Warfare, Command and Control Directorate and in the Warfighting Assessment Division of director Navy Resources, Requirements and Assessments.

"I was extremely impressed with the technical expertise and caliber of personnel assigned to NSWC Panama City and I am looking forward to serving as your commander," said Pratt.

Brovarone, who has served as the commander of Bay County's only Navy laboratory since 2009, will transfer to serve as the commanding officer at the Engineering Duty Officer School in Port Hueneme, Calif.

"I will always cherish having served with so many dedicated, loyal, and absolutely brilliant innovators who have broken new ground in science and technology in order to deploy the world's finest cutting-edge equipment to our nation's warfighters," Brovarone said.

Before turning over command, Brovarone was recognized for his outstanding support to employees who serve in the reserves and National Guard during a ceremony on Aug. 24. Brovarone and NSWC Panama City received the Patriot Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve committee in Washington D.C., a Defense Department organization charged to develop and promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees.

"I'm speechless and am honored," Brovarone said. "This award is really for the entire 1,300 employees here because we all collectively support our military, whether they are active duty or reserves," said Brovarone upon receiving the award. "There are several of our employees who are not only civil service, but they are also reservists and the bottom line is when they are in uniform they need our support out there."

NSWC PCD, a field activity of the Naval Sea Systems Command, employs more than 1,300 people and provides innovative, technical solutions to complex problems specifically in the areas of littoral and expeditionary warfare.