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## ***Naval Station Norfolk Holds Change of Command Ceremony***

Norfolk — Capt. Douglas J. Beaver will assume the duties as Commanding Officer, Naval Station Norfolk, from Capt. Robert E. Clark, Jr. during a change of command ceremony, Aug 7 at 10 a.m.

Beaver reported to Naval Station Norfolk to serve as the Executive Officer in February 2014. A native of Honolulu, Hawaii, he graduated from Virginia Tech and was commissioned through the NROTC program in June 1991. After Naval Flight Officer training, he reported to VAW-120 for further training in the E-2C Hawkeye.

Beaver's first fleet assignment was with VAW-122 supporting counter-narcotics operations. He reported to VAW-121 on USS George Washington (CVN 73) for a Mediterranean and Arabian Gulf deployment in support of Operation Joint Endeavor and Operation Southern Watch. He served with VAW-123 as the Maintenance officer on USS Enterprise (CVN 65) supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and commanded the squadron during work-ups and deployment supporting combat operations in the 5th Fleet area of operations.

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His shore tours include Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center in Fallon, Nevada; Officer-in-Charge of the Weapons and Tactics Unit at Airborne Early Warning Wing Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia; Placement Officer at the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee; Action Officer on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Arlington, Virginia; and, Fleet Readiness Reporting and assessment Branch Head on the U.S. Fleet Forces Command, also in Norfolk.

Captain Beaver has accumulated more than 2,900 flight hours in 10 different aircraft types.

Clark, who assumed command of the Naval Station in February 2014, will retire in November following 26 years of service.

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**Note:** Media desiring to cover the event should contact Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs at (757) 322-2853 by Aug.6. Media should meet at the Naval Tour and Information Center at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 7.

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