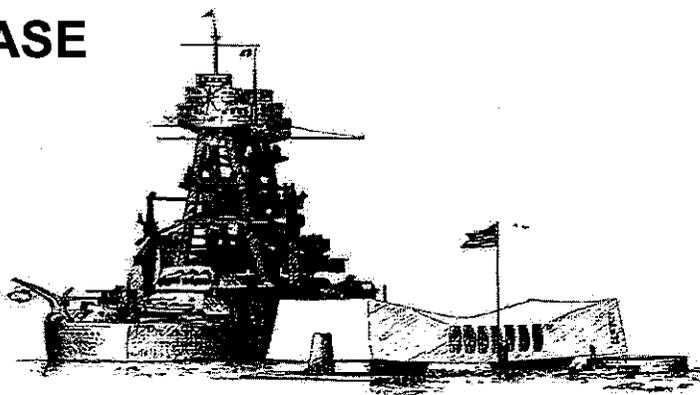


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Naval Station Pearl Harbor Change of Command

Capt. Ronald R. Cox is scheduled to relieve Capt. R. Douglas Hughes as Commanding Officer of Naval Station, Pearl Harbor at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002 on the pier next to the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Ford Island.

Capt. Hughes assumed command of the Naval Station on June 23, 2000. His next assignment is in Washington, DC where he will serve as the Head Appropriations Matters Office, under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller.

Capt. Cox reports to Naval Station Pearl Harbor from the staff of the Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

A native of Hamilton, Ohio, Captain Cox received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Northwestern University, Illinois, and received his commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Upon completion of Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut, Capt. Cox began his naval career aboard USS PATRICK HENRY (SSBN 599) (BLUE) in 1980 where he completed one strategic deterrent patrol. In 1981 he reported to USS SARGO (SSN 583) where he served as Communicator, Damage Control Assistant, and Chemistry and Radiological Assistant.

In 1984 Capt. Cox reported to the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet staff for duty. Aboard USS HAWKBILL (SSN 666), he served as the Engineer Officer in 1987. From 1989 to 1990 he served as Navigator/Operations Officer on board USS TAUTOG (SSN 639). In December 1990, Capt. Cox reported to USS FLASHER (SSN 613) and served as Executive Officer until completion of the ship's deactivation in 1992. He then returned to the Commander, Submarine Force Pacific staff as a member of the Tactical Readiness Evaluation team.

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Capt. Cox took command of USS BREMERTON (SSN 698) in 1995. While in command, the USS BREMERTON completed two Western Pacific deployments and two Eastern Pacific deployments.

Following his command tour, Capt. Cox served as Commander Submarine Squadron Seven's Deputy Commander for Readiness from 1998 to 2000. A graduate of the National War College class of 2001, he was assigned as Deputy for Personnel Readiness on the Pacific Submarine Force Commander's Staff through June 2002.

His personal decorations include the Navy Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (six awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).

Capt. Cox will also relieve Capt. Hughes as Chief of Staff for the Navy Region Hawaii. During Capt. Hughes' tenure in Pearl Harbor, he also served as Commander, Navy Region Hawaii from July – September 2000.

As Commanding Officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Chief of Staff, Navy Region Hawaii, Captain Cox reports directly to the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii for the coordination of all shore-based naval personnel and shore activities located in Hawaii, as well as the Navy's local support of the Pacific Fleet. This support involves port and housekeeping services for more than 30 surface ships and submarines homeported in Pearl Harbor, and more than 70 shore commands and activities.

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Media interested in attending the ceremony should call the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs office at 473-2888 by 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, to arrange an escort. Media will be met at 3 p.m. in the USS Bowfin Museum parking lot.