

Rear Adm. CJ Jaynes retires



The aerospace maintenance duty officer's first female flag officer, Rear Admiral CJ Jaynes invited AMDO's attending wear their green shirts to her retirement ceremony Apr. 1 at the Presidential Helicopter Support Facility aboard Naval Air Station Patuxent River. Jaynes officially retired May 1 after serving in the U.S. Navy for 33 years. She was the first woman admiral at the Naval Air Systems Command; the 79th in the U.S. Navy. (U.S. Navy photo)

NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND PATUXENT RIVER, Md. – After 33 years of dedicated service to her country, Rear Adm. CJ Jaynes retired from the U.S. Navy on May 1.

In a ceremony Apr. 1 at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Jaynes stepped down from her last official duty as the program executive officer for air anti-submarine warfare, assault and special mission programs, where she had overseen ten Navy and Marine Corps aviation acquisition program offices since July 2013.

Nearly 400 guests attended the ceremony, a tribute to broad impact Jaynes had throughout the Patuxent River community. Career-long mentor and friend, retired U.S. Navy Captain Frank Smith provided remarks as the guest speaker, along with Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition) Sean J. Stackley. Deputy Commandant for Aviation Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis served as the presiding officer.

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In addition to her official duties, Jaynes was well-known and respected for her work-related and community outreach efforts in diversity; Science, Technology, Education, and Math (STEM) outreach; Wounded Warrior recruitment; and mentorship.

Jaynes made naval history on Aug. 1, 2012, when she became the Naval Air Systems Command's (NAVAIR) first woman flag officer, as well as the first woman aerospace maintenance duty officer to achieve flag officer rank.

A Greensburg, Pennsylvania native, Jaynes attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics education in 1979 and a master's degree in mathematics in 1982. She received a master's degree in business administration from Norwich University in 2008.

Jaynes' U.S. Navy career included operational tours with Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Departments in Mayport, Florida, Diego Garcia, and Lemoore, California; with Training Squadron Eighty-Six (VT-86) in Pensacola, Florida; Patrol Squadron Five (VP-5) in Jacksonville, Florida; and officer-in-charge Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Pacific.

Tours within the acquisition community included the Naval Aviation Engineering Service Unit in Philadelphia; F/A-18 Program Integrator Defense Contract Management Command Northrop Grumman, El Segundo, California; and with NAVAIR in Patuxent River, Maryland, several with the F/A-18 and EA-18G Program Office (PMA-265); the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (PMA-290); Aircrew Systems Program Office (PMA-202); and Naval Air Traffic Management Systems (PMA-213).

Her awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (with Service Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and numerous unit awards.

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Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis presented Rear Admiral CJ Jaynes with her retirement certificate during a ceremony Apr. 1 at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md. Jaynes officially retired May 1 after serving in the U.S. Navy for 33 years. She was the first woman admiral at the Naval Air Systems Command; the 79th in the U.S. Navy. (U.S. Navy photo)