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ORLANDO, Florida - Capt. Erik Etz turned over command of Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division and Naval Support Activity Orlando to Capt. Timothy Hill during a change of command ceremony on Friday, Nov. 2.

Before the ceremony began Etz addressed the NAWCTSD workforce. "It has been the highest honor of my career to serve with you all here at NAWCTSD," he said. "This Navy adventure has been the most amazing part of my life – I am thankful to have made many memories with all of you."

After turning over command to Hill, Etz retired from the Navy after 28 years of naval service. During his career he logged over 3,500 flight hours in over 35 types of aircraft, including over 2,950 F/A-18 hours and over 840 carrier landings on 14 different aircraft carriers.
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Upon assuming command, Hill thanked Etz for his service and support, "I likely would not be here (in Orlando) today if not for your persuasion in getting me to check out the slating here at NAWCTSD." He then emphasized the importance of maintaining strong partnerships at Team Orlando. "Partnership must be in our DNA- we'll leverage the capabilities and efforts of all our partners, and continue to provide value to all of our customers. We will do this with a laser focus on delivering the right product to the Fleet at the right time or sooner."

Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Commander, Rear Adm. John S. Lemmon, was the guest speaker presided over the ceremony along with Commander Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Babette "Bette" Bolivar.

Lemmon thanked Etz for his leadership at NAWCTSD and spoke about the significance of the command. "NAWCTSD is integral to the Navy's mission to ensure our Sailors and Marines are in a constant state of readiness," he said. "The importance and relevance that NAWCTSD and NSA Orlando bring to the fleet will continue to grow as training requirements evolve."

Located within the Central Florida Research Park, NSA Orlando is the home of the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD) Orlando. NAWCTSD Orlando is the Navy's principal center for modeling, simulation, and training systems technologies. NAWCTSD provides training systems development for a wide spectrum of military programs, including aircraft, surface ships, submarines, and other specialized requirements.

Prior to assuming command Hill served the Executive Officer of NAWCTSD and NSA Orlando.