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NJ Native's 34 Year Navy Career Comes Full Circle **Newcomer Promoted to Captain in Lakehurst Ceremony**

OCT 5, 2011, LAKEHURST, NJ: In a fitting ceremony held on Monday, October 3, 2011 in historic Hangar 1 atop the deck of the quarter scale model aircraft carrier deck used to train the Navy's aviation boatswain mates, Commander John Newcomer was promoted to the grade of Captain.

CAPT Newcomer started his Navy career almost 34 years ago in December 1977 when he enlisted and entered the Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, IL. He began his naval technical training in February 1978 at the Aviation Boatswains Mate Fuels School in Lakehurst, NJ. A New Jersey native who grew up in Brigantine, CAPT Newcomer remarked that he was honored to have the opportunity to come full circle in his career and pin on his captain's eagles on the very spot he began his enlisted service so many years ago.

After earning the senior enlisted rank of Chief Petty Officer following tours on the USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and the USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70), along with shore duties at the Naval Air Station Fallon, NV and the Fleet Training Center, San Diego, CA, CAPT Newcomer received his commission as an Ensign in October 1989. As an officer, his sea duties have included tours aboard the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62), another tour on the VINSON, the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72), the USS KITTY HAWK (CVN-63) and "Gun Boss" Weapons Department Head on the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69).

CAPT Newcomer has also served on the NAVSEA staff in Washington, DC; COMNAVAIRPAC Pacific Fleet Aviation Fuels Maintenance Officer; the Naval Air Maintenance Training Group in Mayport, FL; Carrier Flight and Hangar Deck Systems Manager, Washington Navy Yard; and Commanding Officer of the Naval Aviation

Technical Training Unit in Jacksonville, FL. Currently CAPT Newcomer is the Deputy Director of the Test Division at NAVAIR Lakehurst, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ.

Presiding over the promotion was CAPT R.D. Jones. CAPT Newcomer's wife Lynn assisted in pinning on her husband's eagles with family, friends and co-workers in attendance.

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CAPTION:

Captain Newcomer (c) is pinned on by his wife Lynn and presiding officer Captain R.D. Jones in historic Hangar 1, Lakehurst.