



# News Release

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## NSA Panama City Commanding Officer to relinquish command

**Panama City, Fla.** – Commander Kevin Christenson will be relieved by Commander Keith Foster during a change of command ceremony scheduled for 10 a.m., Monday, March 15.

Christenson has been the commanding officer since March 2019 and was instrumental in the recovery efforts immediately following Hurricane Michael. His leadership was key in returning the base to operational status through the four phases of recovery. He has managed COVID-19 protocols and established telework policies to mitigate the effects of the virus on the installation. Under his leadership, NSA Panama City excelled in the categories of shore operations, energy conservation, community relations, quality of life and support for our Sailors and civilian personnel and their families.

The base has received numerous awards and honors, including:

- The Fiscal Year 2021 Retention Excellence Award (Golden Anchor)
- The 2020 Florida Department of Environment Protection Clean Marina Award, for the 11th year in a row
- The Calendar Year 2020 CNIC Personnel Excellence in Partnership Award
- The 2020 Seashore Galley Accreditation
- The 2020 Morale Welfare and Recreation Five-Star Accreditation, for the 7th year in a row; and
- The Fiscal Year 2019 SECNAV Energy Excellence: Gold-Level Award

Christenson's next duty station is with Commander, Navy Region Southeast Command in Jacksonville, Florida.

Foster was most recently the Officer Engineering Training Director for Naval Surface Warfare Schools Command in Newport, Rhode Island. Prior assignments include: Material and Maintenance Officer (N4) Commander Destroyer Squadron Fourteen and Production Officer South East Regional Maintenance Center.

The ceremony will be streamed live on the installation's Facebook page and open to a limited number of guests due to COVID-19 restrictions. Photos of the event and soundbites from Foster will be released on [DVIDS](#) for media use.

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