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MID-ATLANTIC REGION CHANGES COMMAND THURSDAY

Norfolk, Va. – [Rear Adm. Townsend “Tim” G. Alexander](#) will relieve [Rear Adm. Mark S. Boensel](#) as Commander, [Navy Region Mid-Atlantic](#), Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011 during a ceremony at the Vista Point Conference Center on Naval Station Norfolk, at 2 p.m.

[Adm. John C. Harvey](#), Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command will be the keynote speaker. Immediately following the change-of-command, Boensel will retire from the Navy after serving more than 33 years.

Boensel assumed command of the Mid-Atlantic Region on Nov. 9, 2007. During his tenure, he oversaw the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission – mandated establishment of Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Ft. Story and the closure of Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove and Naval Air Station Brunswick.

Mid-Atlantic’s area of responsibility encompasses Navy stations and facilities along the eastern seaboard from North Carolina to Maine. The command also coordinates Navy and Defense Department environmental programs in the region.

Alexander most recently served as Commander, Navy Region Southeast.

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News media wanting to cover the change of command, please contact the Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs Office at 322-2853. Media will meet at Naval Station Norfolk’s Tour Office, no later than 1:15 p.m., on Sept. 22. The ceremony is expected to last one hour.