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CNRSE Holds Change of Command Ceremony

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Commander, Navy Region Southeast held a change of command ceremony aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS JAX), Aug. 18.

During the ceremony, Capt. John C. "Jack" Scorby Jr. relieved Rear Adm. Townsend G. "Tim" Alexander as the region's commander.

"It's absolutely wonderful to be back in Jacksonville," said Scorby, who previously served as commanding officer at NAS JAX. "It's an absolute honor and a privilege to be able to serve as the commander of Navy Region Southeast. We have an extraordinarily outstanding staff here that I am proud to work with."

Scorby, a 1981 graduate of the State University of New York at Cortland, was commissioned an ensign after completing Aviation Officer Candidate School in March 1983.

He holds a Master of Science in financial management from the Naval Postgraduate School, a Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies from the College of Command and Staff, U.S. Naval War College, and a Master of Arts in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

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Scorby has been selected for rear admiral and comes to CNRSE from his current position as executive assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, a position he has held since May 2010.

Alexander has commanded CNRSE since January 2009. Under his leadership, installations throughout the region made significant reductions in energy costs through the development of the CNRSE Energy Strategy and the establishment of the Regional Energy Council. As a result, the region will save an estimated \$4.2 million with 38 new energy projects during fiscal year 2012 and will generate an estimated \$58 million in new energy projects during fiscal year 2013.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with the men and women, military and civilians, who are the Southeast Region,” said Alexander. “I will miss their dedication, professionalism and friendship.”

Alexander, who was awarded the Legion of Merit during the ceremony, will assume command of Commander, Navy Region Mid Atlantic, Norfolk, Va., in September.

110818-N-UA460-012 - JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Aug. 18, 2011) -- Rear Adm. Townsend G. "Tim" Alexander walks through side boys upon arriving at the Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) change of command ceremony aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Aug. 18. During the ceremony, Capt. John C. "Jack" Scorby Jr. relieved Alexander as CNRSE commander. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Greg Johnson/Released)

110818-N-UA460-022 - JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Aug. 18, 2011) -- Members of the Naval Air Station Jacksonville color guard present the colors during the CNRSE change of command ceremony aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Aug. 18. During the ceremony, Capt. John C. "Jack" Scorby Jr. relieved Rear Adm. Townsend G. "Tim" Alexander as CNRSE commanding officer. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Greg Johnson/Released)

110818-N-UA460-040 - JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Aug. 18, 2011) -- Rear Adm. Townsend G. "Tim" Alexander speaks to the audience during the Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) change of command ceremony aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Aug. 18. During the ceremony, Capt. John C. "Jack" Scorby Jr. relieved Alexander as CNRSE commander. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Greg Johnson/Released)

110818-N-UA460-089 - JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Aug. 18, 2011) -- Vice Adm. Michael C. Vitale (right) commends Rear Adm. Townsend G. "Tim" Alexander (left) during a speech at the Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) change of command ceremony aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Aug. 18. During the ceremony, Capt. John C. "Jack" Scorby Jr. relieved Alexander as CNRSE commander. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Greg Johnson/Released)

110818-N-UA460-158 - JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Aug. 18, 2011) -- Capt. John C. "Jack" Scorby Jr. relieves Rear Adm. Townsend G. "Tim" Alexander as Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) during the CNRSE change of command ceremony aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Aug. 18. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Greg Johnson/Released)

110818-N-UA460-161 - JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Aug. 18, 2011) -- Capt. John C. "Jack" Scorby Jr. speaks to the audience during the Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) change of command ceremony aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Aug. 18. During the ceremony, Scorby relieved Rear Adm. Townsend G. "Tim" Alexander as CNRSE commander. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Greg Johnson/Released)