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COAST GUARD COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMAND HOLDS CHANGE OF COMMAND

CHESAPEAKE, VA -- U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Bruce C. Brown assumed command of the Coast Guard Community Services Command (CSC) during a change of command ceremony at 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2017, at the CSC Headquarters at 510 Independence Blvd, Chesapeake, Va.

Brown relieved Capt. Robert L. Whitehouse and in doing so takes the helm of the Coast Guard's Nonappropriated Fund Center of Excellence which provides vital non-pay compensation programs of the Coast Guard Exchange System (CGX) and Morale, Well-Being and Recreation (MWR) programs enabling Coast Guard mission support, readiness and retention.

Rear Admiral Matthew T. Bell, Jr., Commander, Personnel Service Center, presided over the ceremony.

The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition that formally symbolizes the continuity of authority as command is passed from one individual to another. It is a formal ceremony, conducted before the assembled company of the command and represents the transfer of total responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another.

Captain Bruce C. Brown reports to Community Services Command from Coast Guard Base Elizabeth City, NC where he served as Commanding Officer since May 2014. In this role, he was responsible for one of the Coast Guard's largest and most complex installations, providing regional support to more than 4,000 military and civilian employees. Some of the Bases principal customers include Aviation Logistics Center, Air Station Elizabeth City, Aviation Technical Training Center, HC-27J Asset Project Office, National Strike Force Coordination Center, Special Missions Training Center and Sector North Carolina. Brown has served in a variety of assignments during his 33-year career.

Capt. Brown relieves Capt. Robert L. Whitehouse who led CSC for the last three years. Whitehouse provided oversight of more than 1400 Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) employees dispersed at field units and 64 CG Exchanges (CGX) from Puerto Rico to Alaska and Hawaii with \$165M in annual revenues and inventory worth more than \$30M. He stabilized CGX overhead expenses despite \$1M non-discretionary increases in IT systems maintenance and security costs which provided long term financial stability and disbursement of more than \$6.2 million in MWR dividends in support of the entire CG workforce. He also oversaw the execution of the ESPN Armed Forces Classic basketball event at AIRSTA Borinquen and established central commercial sponsorships with GEICO and USAA including the first military resale affinity credit card with USAA that gives back to CG MWR. Capt. Whitehouse reports to Coast Guard LANTAREA in Portsmouth, VA as Resource Management Chief.

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