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Press Release

Seabee Center to change hands

GULFPORT, Miss. – Capt. Paul Odenthal will relieve Capt. Rick Burgess as commanding officer Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport during a change of command at 9 a.m. June 27 at the Training Hall on board NCBC.

Burgess assumed command of NCBC and 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG), July 8, 2011. A 20SRG change of command was held Feb. 26 with Burgess turning over command of the group to Capt. Darius Banaji. The group was then renamed Naval Construction Group TWO.

During his tenure, Burgess led NCBC to achieve various awards and recognition including a fifth and sixth Five-Star Accreditation for the Colmer Dining Facility and the SECNAV Gold award for energy conservation for the installation. His team also processed more than 12, 000 individual augmentee and Reserve Sailors for deployment, and maintained and operated facilities and provided services and materials in support of Naval Construction Force Units.

As 20SRG commander, his leadership ensured thousands of Seabees in the Naval Construction Regiments, Naval Mobile Construction Battalions, Construction Battalion Maintenance Units, Underwater Construction Teams and Expeditionary Combat Camera were organized, manned, trained, maintained, and equipped to provide supported commanders with expeditionary engineering forces capable of general engineering and construction, and limited combat engineering across the full range of military operations. Burgess will move to the Pentagon and work in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Odenthal, who most recently held the position of Executive Officer at Naval Facilities Engineering Command NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic in Norfolk, Va., will be the 29th officer to assume the duties as commander NCBC. He will be the first commanding officer of NCBC since April 1966, who will not also assume responsibility of the 20th Seabee Readiness Group during the change of command.

The guest speaker for the ceremony will be Rear Adm. John C. “Jack” Scorby Jr., commander, Navy Region Southeast.

Media interested in covering the ceremony are asked to contact Rob Mims at 228-871-2699, cell 701-330-1169 or Bonnie Lindley-McGerr at (228) 871-3662 by 3:30 p.m., Wednesday. We will meet at Broad Ave. gate at 8:30 a.m. June 27.