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NAS PENSACOLA CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Naval Air Station Pensacola will hold a change of command ceremony March 24 at 1 p.m. in the National Naval Aviation Museum. Capt. Keith Hoskins, who is also retiring from the Navy during the same ceremony, will pass command to Capt. Christopher Martin.

Capt. Hoskins, whose naval career closes after 27 years of service, has been the NAS Pensacola commanding officer for the last three years. Under the leadership of Capt. Hoskins, the command received several prestigious awards, including the Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence Award, a Department of Defense-wide award that is preceded by best naval installation awards at the regional and Navywide levels; as well as the Secretary of the Navy's Energy and Water Management Award for 2015. Also during his tenure, a yearlong celebration was held in commemoration of the air station's 100th anniversary in 2014.

Capt. Martin, a 28-year naval veteran and E-2 Hawkeye pilot, comes to NAS Pensacola from the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.

Rear Adm. Michael White, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command located onboard the air station, will be the guest speaker.

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For media wishing to cover this event, contact Scott Hallford at (850) 452-4466.