
Ms. Tamara North



Director Naval Information Forces West



Ms. Tamara North is the Director for Naval Information Forces (NAVIFOR) West, in San Diego, Calif. Ms. North was appointed to this Senior Leader (SL) position in March 2021, where she represents the Navy's Information Warfare Type Commander, responsible for manning, training, equipping and maintaining readiness of Information Warfare (IW) forces across Pacific Fleet. Additionally, as the senior member of the NAVIFOR West staff, she represents the NAVIFOR Commander across a broad range of information warfare issues supporting West Coast commands, both ashore and afloat. She was previously the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Combat Systems, & Intelligence (C5I) Readiness Officer at NAVIFOR West, where she implemented and matured the Information Warfare Readiness Continuum (IWRC) to include formal adoption by United States Fleet Forces Command, implementing the requirement across the entire Navy.

Ms. North has more than 30 years of service to the Navy, as an active duty enlisted Sailor, a Naval Cryptologic Warfare Officer, and in Civilian Federal Service. She is a Defense Acquisition expert, serving more than nine years at Program Executive Office - Command, Control, Communications, Computers, & Intelligence (PEO C4I). She served as the Assistant Program Manager (APM) for multiple programs, including Distributed Common Ground System-Navy (DCGS-N) Increment 1 (ACAT I), Spectral (ACAT II), and was responsible for the initial transition of the current Ship's Signal Exploitation Equipment Modification (SSEE MODS) program (ACAT II) from Navy Cyber Warfare Development Group (NCWDG) and Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) to Program Management Warfare (PMW) 120.

She served in myriad active duty Navy tours, most notably as the Force Information Warfare Officer at Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific (CNSP) from 2011 to 2014 where she was responsible for Manning, Training, and Equipping all surface Electronic Warfare (EW), Cryptologic, and Intelligence, Surveillance Reconnaissance (ISR) capable units in the Pacific Fleet. Additionally, she served as the Combat Systems Assistant Department Head and the C4I Division Officer at Afloat Training Group Pacific (ATGPAC) from 2004 to 2007. Other highlights include a tour conducting Cryptologic Direct Support (DIRSUP) operations at Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA) San Diego, where she deployed with the USS Abraham Lincoln in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2002 to 2003.

Ms. North was selected as one of Secretary Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Research, Development and Acquisition (ASN(RDA) SIGMAs in October 2018, a cohort of promising acquisition professionals driving change and innovation in Defense Acquisition. She is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Program Management (DAWIA PM) Level III certified. She was selected as the NAVIFOR Senior Civilian of the Year for 2019 and awarded the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Her personal military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (two) and Navy Achievement medals (five). Ms. North holds a Master's of Science Degree in Computer Information Systems Management.