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MEDIA ADVISORY
**NAS PATUXENT RIVER CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY
PRESS RELEASE**

Patuxent River, MD -- The media is invited to attend a time-honored military change of command ceremony at NAS Patuxent River for the Persistent Maritime Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program Office (PMA-262), in their aircraft hangar at 11:00 a.m., August 17, 2012.

U.S. Navy Capt. Jeff Wilson will relieve Capt. James B. Hoke as the commanding officer for the program office assuming responsibility for the development, production, fielding and sustainment of all persistent maritime unmanned aircraft systems, recognizing the legal transfer of authority and responsibility from one commander to another.

WHAT: Change of Command Ceremony.

WHO: U.S. Navy Capt. Jeff Wilson will relieve Capt. James B. Hoke as the commanding officer, Persistent Maritime Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program Office.

WHERE: PMA-262 Hangar, Patuxent River, Maryland.

WHEN: 11:00 a.m., August 17, 2012.

Media members should contact Mr. Victor Chen, PEO (U&W) public affairs officer, at 301-757-2211.

Wilson's most recent assignment was the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command's (SPAWAR) Deputy Director for Fleet Readiness in San Diego, California.

Wilson has also served as the chief of staff, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Reserve Program since October 2009. Previous assignments include program manager for the Small Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems office and Chief Test Pilot for the X-47B Unmanned Combat Aircraft System Demonstrator.

Hoke grew up in the Northeast and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Maine Maritime Academy and a master's degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He entered the Navy through Aviation Officer Candidate School and commissioned in July 1986. Less than a year later, he was designated a Naval Aviator.

Hoke most recently served as the Chief of Staff, Program Executive Office (Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons). He served as Executive Officer and then as the 69th Commanding Officer of VP-10 in Brunswick, Maine.

Hoke's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, six Navy Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal and three Navy Achievement Medals.

Hoke will transfer to the Program Element Office staff, Patuxent River, MD.

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