



Deputy Commander

Joint Task Force-National Capital Region

Guardian of the Nation's Capital



Rear Admiral Charles W. Rock

Rear Adm. Charles Rock is a native of Upstate New York. He was commissioned in 1987 through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at Texas A&M University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering. Rock holds a master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College.

His assignments at sea include combat information center officer aboard USS Mahlon S. Tisdale (FFG 27), electrical officer aboard USS Abraham Lincoln, operations officer in USS Cole (DDG 67) and USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55), and executive officer aboard USS Donald Cook (DDG 75).

Ashore he has served as command, control and communications plans officer, U.S. European Command; military assistant to the political advisor, U.S. Joint Forces Command; deputy executive assistant and flag secretary to the Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command and the Supreme Allied Commander, Transformation; and division chief, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J-5), the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Rock has commanded the High Speed Vessel Swift (HSV) 2 and Fleet Activities Sasebo.

Rock assumed duties as the 90th commandant, Naval District Washington August 18, 2016.

His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, three Legions of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, four Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and three Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

