Jerry F. Ferguson

Deputy, Naval Mine and Antisubmarine Warfare Command

Mr. Ferguson is the Deputy, Naval Mine and Antisubmarine Warfare Command (NMAWC). NMAWC is the Navy's Warfighting Center of Excellence for mine warfare and antisubmarine warfare, and is headquartered in San Diego, California with detachments in Norfolk, Virginia, Corpus Christi, Texas and Yokosuka, Japan. NMAWC conducts integrated undersea warfare training and assessment Navy-wide, develops undersea warfare doctrine and tactics, articulates undersea warfare requirements and supports operational Commanders.

Mr. Ferguson was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in December, 2004 when he was selected as the Deputy for the then-newly established Fleet Antisubmarine Warfare Command. Mr. Ferguson led the development of the integrated antisubmarine warfare training continuum that remains in use for all Navy Strike Groups. He oversaw the force-wide assessment of Fleet antisubmarine warfare performance, and presented that analysis at the August, 2006 CNO ASW Executive Board #1. His Fleet Integrated Prioritized Capability List, which delineates fleet requirements to the CNO, has become standard practice force wide.

In October, 2006 Fleet Antisubmarine Warfare Command merged with the Navy Mine Warfare Command to form the Naval Mine and Antisubmarine Warfare Command. As the Deputy, Mr. Ferguson serves as the principle architect for NMAWC's long range planning while also managing near term implementing actions.

Prior to join the civil service, Mr. Ferguson served in a variety of afloat and staff billets as an active duty Navy officer for thirty two years. Afloat, he served as an OIC of several Direct Support Elements aboard U.S. Pacific Fleet Submarines. He commanded USS Harry W Hill, and served as Operations Officer for Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Three / Carl Vinson Battle Group. As Commander, Destroyer Squadron 15, Mr. Ferguson commanded the Yokosuka, Japan-based escorts for the Independence / Kitty Hawk Battle Groups. While ComDesRon 15, he conducted numerous exercises and ASW operations, and developed both the Korean CounterSOF Plan and Iraqi CounterMine Plan.

Mr. Ferguson served in a number of shore staff assignments, including Director, ASW Requirements Division (N74) for the Chief of Naval Operations. As N74, he led the development of the Navy's initial USW Mission Capability Package which blended ASW and mine warfare requirements and programs. During his last year as N74, he served simultaneously as Head, Warfare Integration Branch (N702) for the then-new Warfare Integration Division (N70) and oversaw the development of Mission Capability Packages for all naval warfare areas.

Mr. Ferguson concluded his active duty service as Chief of Staff for Commander, Carrier Group One. ComCarGru 1 developed and implemented intermediate and advanced warfare training for all West Coast Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups. He led the development of the Pacific Fleet ASW Stair-Step Plan, and also co-chaired the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet ASW Council of Captains.

Mr. Ferguson earned his bachelor's degree from Eckerd College and a master's degree from Georgetown University.

Mr. Ferguson was awarded the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service medal in 2008. Hi active duty decorations included the Legion of Merit (five awards) and Meritorious Service Medal (four awards).