



Captain Wesley S. Sanders, USN
Commanding Officer
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic

Capt. Wesley S. Sanders comes to SSC Atlantic after serving as Chief of Staff at Commander, Fleet Readiness Center (FRC). In this assignment he provided guidance and direction for 19,000 Sailors, Marines, civilians and contractors across nine FRCs deployed worldwide in the maintenance, repair and overhaul of Navy and Marine Corps aircraft and components.

The Albany, Georgia native earned his commission from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1993 at Jacksonville University in Florida. He was designated a Naval Flight Officer (NFO) in July 1996. He reported to VAW-123 'Screwtops,' flying the E-2C Hawkeye, based at Naval Air Station Norfolk, Virginia in 1997.



From 2013 to 2015 he served as Industrial Production Support and Compliance Officer at FRC Southwest. He managed 2.6 million square feet of production space and equipment, spread over 130 buildings to support the Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul of Navy and Marine aircraft. He supported annual production of more than 160 aircraft, 40,000 components, 180 engines, and the manufacturing of 20,000 individual items. Sanders also was responsible for 28 commercial Public Private Partnerships (PPP) with defense industry and government partners.

He served as Executive Officer, then Commanding Officer of NAF Atsugi, Japan at FRC Western Pacific from 2010 to 2013. He led 500 military, U.S. and Japanese civilians, and U.S. and international contractors in six countries, in the depot-level repair and overhaul of aircraft, related components and support equipment. He was responsible for all Navy and Marine deployed aircraft outside the continental U.S. Among his other assignments was a tour at SPAWAR Space Field Activity National Reconnaissance Office as the Deputy Program Manager for a rapid development acquisition ACAT II program. As part of his Space Systems Master's degree at the Naval Postgraduate School, he designed the Attitude and Directional Control System for a satellite released from the space shuttle.

In an assignment as Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer (AEDO) Officer Community Manager from 2006 to 2008 he managed career progression plans for 330 AEDOs. He served as the Advanced Hawkeye Program Integrator at DCMA Bethpage, New York from 2002 to 2006. The captain also deployed to Afghanistan as a Quality Assurance Representative and contracting office technical representative for contracts supporting quality of life and base security.

Sanders completed the Naval War College Command and Staff Program in 2001. He has attained DAWIA Production, Quality, Manufacturing Level 3; DAWIA Program Management Level 3 and DAWIA Systems Engineering Level 2.