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PMW 205

A native of Jackson, Miss., Capt. Ben McNeal earned a bachelor's degree in computer science in 1991 from Southern University. Upon commissioning as an ensign through the NROTC Scholarship Program, McNeal reported for duty aboard the USS Kalamazoo (AOR 6) in Norfolk, Va. While aboard the Kalamazoo, McNeal served as electrical officer, electronics material officer, and fire control officer; earned designation as a surface warfare officer; and received a master's of public administration from Troy State University.

McNeal attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., from 1995 to 1997, where he earned a master's in applied physics. While enrolled, McNeal was selected for lateral transfer to the Engineering Duty Officer Community. Upon completion of the Engineering Duty Officer School in February 1998, he reported to Norfolk Naval Shipyard, as CVN asst. project superintendent, landing helicopter assault/landing helicopter dock (LHA/LHD) AIT Coordinator, and integrated logistics division head.

In August 2001, McNeal was assigned to the USS Wasp (LHD 1) in Norfolk, Va., as the command, control, communication, computers, and intelligence (C4I) and combat systems officer. During his time aboard the Wasp, he made a post-9/11 5th Fleet deployment as part of the first Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC) and fully Information Technology for the 21st Century (IT-21) enabled strike group. Following his tour, McNeal reported to the Installations and Logistics Directorate (Code 04F) of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) as the Pacific Fleet afloat C4ISR installations and strike group manager, where he played a major role in developing the processes for aligning the SPAWAR afloat modernization process with the newly implemented Ship Maintenance (SHIPMAIN) processes. In July 2005, McNeal reported as officer in charge of SPAWAR Systems Facility, Yokosuka, Japan with additional duties to the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA 05) as strike force interoperability officer for Commander 7th Fleet.

From August 2010 to August 2017, McNeal served as the deputy program manager, and subsequently program manager, of Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Communication, Computers, and Intelligence (PEO C4I) PMW 160 managing the Consolidated Afloat Networks and Enterprise Services (CANES) network system. On Aug. 1 2017, McNeal assumed command of Program Executive Office for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) PMW 205 Naval Enterprise Networks (NEN), overseeing the acquisition and continued development of NEN's network portfolio, inclusive of the world's largest intranet - the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) and the Base Level Information Infrastructure (BLII) for Outside of the Continental United States (OCONUS) Navy Enterprise Network (ONE-Net).

McNeal's personal awards include the Navy Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards), and a Legion of Merit award.