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NAF Atsugi Holds Change of Command Ceremony

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NAVAL AIR FACILITY ATSUGI, Japan (Sept. 17, 2020) - Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi held a change of command ceremony where Capt. John M. Montagnet, from Christian Pass, Miss., relieved Capt. Lloyd B. Mack, a native of Pensacola, Fla.

Commander, Naval Forces Japan, Rear Adm. Brian Fort of Little Rock, Ark., was the guest speaker.

“This is a sentimental moment for me,” Mack said. “It’s been a blessing, an honor, and a privilege to be the commanding officer of NAF Atsugi, especially in this wonderful country, Japan. My family and I made many Japanese friends here and we will maintain and cherish those friendships for the rest of our lives.”

As commanding officer, Mack was directly responsible for NAF Atsugi which supports the combat readiness of Commander Task Force Seven Two (CTF-72), and Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific (CFWP) as well as Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 51, and more than 26 tenant commands and units assigned to the Far East. Mack also coordinated NAF Atsugi’s response to COVID-19, coordinating base military and service personnel to protect the base, its service members and residents from any further spread of the disease. Currently there are no active cases on the base.

The incoming commanding officer, Capt. Montagnet comes to NAF Atsugi from his previous assignment as Director, Leadership and Character Development at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis Maryland.

“I am very proud to stand here with the professionals of NAF Atsugi and look forward to making NAF Atsugi my home,” Montagnet said after taking command.

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