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NUWC Division Keyport Biography

CAPT Stephen E. Iwanowicz, USN
Commander

Capt. Stephen Iwanowicz, Commander of Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division, Keyport, leads an innovative workforce of 2,000 people providing advanced technical capabilities for test and evaluation, in-service engineering, maintenance, Fleet readiness, and obsolescence management for offensive and defensive weapons systems associated with undersea warfare and related areas of homeland security and national defense.



A native of Pittsfield, Mass., Capt. Iwanowicz received his Navy Commission in 1983 after earning Bachelor of Science degrees in biochemistry and chemical engineering from the University of Massachusetts. A submarine warfare officer, his initial assignment was in the Operations Department of ballistic missile submarine USS *Benjamin Franklin* (SSBN 640).



Selected to be an Engineering Duty Officer, in 1986, he started his industrial career at the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair in Newport News, Va., overseeing nuclear submarine construction. This was followed with full-time graduate studies at MIT earning Master of Science degrees in both Naval Engineering and Mechanical Engineering in 1992.

At Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, he served as Assistant Ship Superintendent for maintenance and modernization of LOS ANGELES Class Submarines. In 1995 he transferred to the Board of Inspection and Survey in Norfolk, Va., where he was the Chief Submarine Electrical Inspector. Leaving in 1998 for Norfolk Naval Shipyard, he advanced to the position of Project Superintendent for nuclear submarine maintenance, managing repairs and modernization.

Immediately after the terrorist attacks of 2001, Capt. Iwanowicz reported aboard the repair ship USS *Emory S Land* (AS-39) stationed in Italy. As Repair Officer, he led his 450-sailor department in providing vital Fleet support in Operations Desert Shield and Iraqi Freedom, maintaining a diverse array of forward-deployed warships: from submarines to aircraft carriers; from minesweepers to Coast Guard ships and Army vessels.

From 2003 through 2005, he was the Navy's Director of Submarine Safety and Quality Assurance at Naval Sea Systems Command in Washington DC, managing SUBSAFE and Deep Submergence Systems Programs. After fulfilling the role of Business and Strategic Planning Officer at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility in Bremerton, Wash., he was selected for assignment as the Production Resources Officer where he led a highly talented workforce of over 5,200 people in nuclear and non-nuclear maintenance, modernization, and repair on all classes of Navy ships throughout the Pacific. He assumed Command of NUWC Division Keyport in September 2008.

Along with his Gold Dolphin warfare insignia, Capt. Iwanowicz has been awarded five Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal, and three Navy Achievement Medals. Among his other awards, he is authorized to wear the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

He is married to Lynne Tennant of Winston-Salem, N.C.; they have twin daughters, Jennifer and Michelle.