



MARK R. WHITNEY, RADM (Ret.), USN

A second-generation naval officer, Rear Admiral Mark R. Whitney is a native of South Portland, Maine. He was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy in 1984 after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering from Maine Maritime Academy. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School. As a surface warfare officer, he served in various engineering and staff billets onboard USS Luce (DDG 38; Commander, Destroyer Squadron (COMDESRON) 12; and U. S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM).

In 1991, he was selected for lateral transfer to the Engineering Duty Officer Community where he served in various staff engineering, technical, and operational positions including: Norfolk Naval Shipyard Naval Reactors Representative's Office; Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair Newport News; Norfolk Naval Shipyard, USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) during which he completed a combat deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; Chief of Naval Operations Staff; Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility; and Naval Sea Systems Command. In 2008 he became the 47th Commander of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility. In 2012, his first Flag Officer tour was Deputy Commander, Logistics, Maintenance and Industrial Operations, Naval Sea Systems Command. In June 2016, he assumed the responsibilities as the U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Director for Fleet Maintenance.

In July 2019 he retired from active duty with over 35 years of service. From January 2020 to March 2022, he worked for BAE Systems, Inc., as the Vice President, Deputy General Manager, Ship Repair. From January to July 2023, he served as Vice President of Industrial Operations for R&P Technologies. In March 2023 he started employment with Old Dominion University, as Deputy Director, Hampton Roads Maritime Industrial Base Ecosystem (MIBE) and Virginia Digital Ship Program (DS). In July 2023, he assumed the role of Executive Director, MIBE/DS. In September 2023, MIBE/DS officially merged into the new Virginia Digital Maritime Center.