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Naval Air Forces to Hold Change of Command

SAN DIEGO – Commander Naval Air Forces (CNAF) is scheduled to hold a change of command and retirement ceremony Jan. 22 at 1000 a.m. aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) while pierside at Naval Air Station North Island.

During the ceremony, [Rear Adm. Mike Shoemaker](#), who is scheduled for promotion to the rank of vice admiral prior to the ceremony, will relieve [Vice Adm. David H. Buss](#) as CNAF.

CNAF is responsible for the material readiness, administration, and training of all Naval Aviation commands and for providing operationally ready squadrons and aircraft carriers to the fleet.

Immediately following the change of command, Buss, who began serving as the Navy's sixth "Air Boss" in October 2012, will retire after 36 years of Naval service.

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Media interested in participating in the availability should contact Commander, Naval Air Forces Public Affairs at 619-767-1623 or cnaf.pao@navy.mil by Jan. 21 at 4 p.m. to arrange base access. Media will be asked to arrive to Naval Air Station North Island's Visitors Center at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 22 to be escorted to USS John C. Stennis for the ceremony. Shoemaker, the Navy's seventh "Air Boss," will be available for comments and questions directly following the ceremony.