

**CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING
ROCCO'S SMOKEHOUSE GRILL (Formerly Mirabella's Restaurant)
207 BYPASS ROAD (NEXT TO BASSETT'S CHRISTMAS SHOP)
WILLIAMSBURG, VA
OCTOBER 27, 2011, 11:30 a.m.**



CAPT Lowell D. Crow, USN

**PROGRAM ON THE IMPORTANCE OF NAVAL WEAPONS
STATION YORKTOWN TO OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE**

VIPMOA is pleased to welcome as its guest speaker, CAPT Lowell D. Crow, USN, Commanding Officer of Naval Weapons Station Yorktown. CAPT Crow was born in Lafayette, Indiana, and raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May 1984.

During the next 18 years, CAPT Crow had a myriad of demanding assignments at sea and ashore. In February of 2002, he reported as the Commanding Officer, USS OGDEN (LPD-5). During his tour, OGDEN was deployed twice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, where it supported Operation Anaconda, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Tusker. During Operation Tusker, CAPT Crow served as Task Unit 58.12 Commander in support of CJTF-HOA where he was responsible for three ships and support personnel.

In July of 2006, he reported to the OPNAV staff as Executive Assistant for the Expeditionary Warfare Division (N85). In November 2007, he reported to USS Wasp (LHD-1) as Executive Officer as one of the first Major Command XO/CO Surface Fleet-ups. In July 2009, CAPT Crow fleeted up to CO and served as WASP's 16th CO until October 2010. During his tour, WASP was deployed to the 4th Fleet AOR as the CTG 40.7 Flagship in support of Operation Blue Horizons and SPS Carb 2009 and was awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation for drug interdiction operations. Throughout his distinguished Naval career, CAPT Crow earned numerous decorations and awards, and in December 2010, he reported for duty as CO, U.S. Naval Weapons Station Yorktown.

This will be a timely, topical program that should be of great interest to all of our members. A menu, schedule and reservation coupon are posted on the VIPMOAA website and are found on page 11 in this newsletter. To attend, please send your check and reservation coupon to arrive at VIPMOAA Hospitality no later than Friday, October 21, 2011. We hope to see you at Rocco's Smokehouse on Thursday, October 27th.
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