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EAST LIVERPOOL NATIVE MARKS 35 YEARS OF NAVY SERVICE

(DAHLGREN, VA.) – Cmdr. William “Bill” Garren, 52, a 1977 Beaver High School graduate from East Liverpool, Ohio, marked 35 years of Navy service Dec. 31.

Garren serves as the deputy assistant chief of staff for training with the Navy Air and Missile Defense Command here. NAMDC is the Navy's lead organization for integrated air and missile defense issues.

“Bill brings a tremendous amount of technical experience and in-depth knowledge to our NAMDC team,” said Rear Adm. M. Stewart O’Bryan, NAMDC commander. “Serving 35 years in the Navy is just one more distinctive achievement for this talented officer.”

Garren enlisted in the Navy's delayed entry program in 1976. He rose through the ranks and was commissioned an ensign in 1991. He went on to obtain a bachelor's degree with honors from Southern Illinois University in 2005 and a master's degree with honors from Trident University in 2009.

He is a Desert Storm combat veteran, a surface warfare officer and a joint interface control officer. He has deployed multiple times to the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean. He also served in the northern Horn of Africa, completed a tour with the Marine Corps in Camp Lejeune, N.C., in 2000, and served with the Army's Forces Command in Fort Bragg, N.C., in 2005.

Garren has been decorated with numerous awards including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and three Meritorious Service Medals. He was “Sailor of the Year” in 1987.

He is married to the former Debra Lyne Russell of East Liverpool. They reside in Newnan, Ga., with their three children: Kevin, Kory and Krista. He has two children: Loni and William M. who reside in East Liverpool.

