

Change of Command at ISC Kodiak

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KODIAK, Alaska - Captain Jesse K. Moore, right, relieves Capt. Mark S. Carmel, left, as commanding officer of Integrated Support Command Kodiak in a formal ceremony. Captain Robert E. Day Jr., center, commander of Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific presided over the ceremony. Coast Guard Integrated Support Command held a change of command ceremony June 19, 2009. (U.S. Coast Guard photo/PA3 Charly Hengen)

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The Integrated Support Command Kodiak has a new commanding officer. In a change of command ceremony Friday, Captain Jesse Moore relieved Captain Mark Carmel. KMXT's Erik Wander has more.

Captain Robert Day Jr., commander of Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific presided over the ceremony. He called Carmel and Moore exceptionally talented officers, and said that the change of command marked career milestones for both. He described Carmel's three-year tour as "highly successful," and said Moore is at the very beginning of a challenging assignment, particularly serving in Kodiak.

-- (Day
1 50 sec. "Those of you who live and work ...
more attention for Kodiak.")

Carmel said he was

humbled to have served for three years in the post, noting the exceptional unit that was turned over to his command. He said it was an honor to work with the many captains and crew on the base. He also highlighted the important relationship between the Coast Guard and the Kodiak community and thanked community leaders for their support in turning over command to Moore.

-- (Carmel
1 40 sec. "Although Kodiak should ... and the
crew will face together.")

A
1988 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Moore served in Kodiak as the Operations Officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Storis from 1993 to 1996 before being transferred to the 17th District in Juneau. He talked about what it meant to return to Kodiak and taking on those challenges before instructing the executive officer to dismiss the crew for the first time.

-- (Moore
3 45 sec. "It's great to be back ... aye,
aye, sir.")

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State Senator Gary Stevens, who attended the change of command ceremony, had high praise for Carmel and his involvement in the community. He also expressed high hopes for Moore, whom he had just met.

-- (Stevens
1 22 sec. "I've been here since 1970 ... I'm
sure he'll fit in well.")

Carmel departs after three years in command to lead the Coast Guard's new Shore Infrastructure Logistics Centers in Norfolk, Virginia. The Massachusetts native graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1984. Originally from the landlocked state of Wyoming, Moore comes to the post having just served as the Deputy Commander for Sector Buffalo in Buffalo, New York.

I'm
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