

## NMIO Change of Directorship

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) hosted a Change of Directorship for the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office (NMIO) on December 10, 2012.



Figure 1. Director of National Intelligence James Clapper congratulates RDML (Sel) Robert Hoppa on his accomplishments as NMIO's Director.

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper presided as Rear Admiral (Select) Robert V. Hoppa was relieved by Rear Admiral Samuel J. Cox as NMIO's Director.

RDML (Sel) Hoppa, born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, was commissioned upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1985. Prior to his arrival at NMIO, he served as Director of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance for the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command in Afghanistan. He was selected for Rear Admiral in May 2011, and will report to U.S. Cyber Command as Deputy Director of Operations (J3) in January 2013.

In his remarks, Clapper thanked RDML (Sel) Hoppa for his superb leadership of NMIO and success in maritime intelligence integration and information sharing in support of ODNI intelligence integration goals. He then presented RDML (Sel) Hoppa with the National Intelligence Superior Service Medal (NISSM).

The NISSM - a highly selective decoration which recognizes superior service and/or lasting contributions to the Intelligence Community and United States over a sustained period of time - was awarded to RDML (Sel) Hoppa as a result of his outstanding service from July



Figure 2. RDML (Sel) Hoppa and his wife, Mary Ann Malloy, pictured with Director Clapper after receiving the National Intelligence Superior Service Medal.

2011 to December 2012 as NMIO's Director. The award commended him for keen insight into and extraordinary efforts supporting critical strategic maritime issues which were instrumental in advancing unity of effort and shaping the development of national-level policy. He was recognized as the driving force in developing a nationally focused organization which provided decision advantage to the White House National Security Staff, ODNI, the Global Maritime Community of Interest and the Intelligence Community as a whole.

After the award presentation, RDML (Sel) Hoppa thanked NMIO's staff and leadership, emphasizing that the award actually reflected their success executing and advancing NMIO's mission. RDML (Sel) Hoppa highlighted RADM Cox's previous contributions to NMIO when he served as Director from June 2010 to July 2011 and concluded by wishing him the best of luck as he embarks in the new dual-hat leadership position as Director, NMIO and Commander, Office of Naval Intelligence.



**Figure 3. RADM Samuel Cox receives the Oath of Office from Director Clapper as the new Director of the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office.**

RADM Cox, arriving from U.S. Cyber Command where he served as Director of Intelligence, J2, thanked RDML (Sel) Hoppa for his service at NMIO and congratulated him on his successes. RADM Cox observed how far RDML (Sel) Hoppa had advanced NMIO and stated that he looked forward to continuing the momentum of the past year and a half.

Similar to a U.S. Navy Change of Command ceremony, a Change of Directorship involves relieving the current and appointing the new Director with an Oath of Office also being administered. Dignitaries present at the ceremony included Mr. Mark Andress, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N2/N6B), representing the Director of Naval

Intelligence; Mr. Kshemendra Paul, Program Manager – Information Sharing Environment; LTG Theodore Nicholas, USA, Assistant Director of National Intelligence for Partner Engagement; Rear Admiral Christopher Tomney, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Intelligence and Criminal Investigations, U.S. Coast Guard; Mr. David Matsuda, Maritime Administrator, Department of Transportation; and Mr. Christopher McMahon, Acting Maritime Domain Awareness Executive Agent, Department of Transportation.