

Admiral Erin Acosta, Keynote



Admiral Erin Acosta has been with the U.S. Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command headquarters staff for just under two years as Chief of Staff and served as the Fleet Weather Center - Norfolk (FWC-N) Commanding Officer prior to joining the HQ staff. She has also served in various leadership positions across the Naval Oceanography enterprise throughout her career. A native of Mechanicsburg, PA, Admiral Acosta was commissioned through the U.S. Naval Academy in 2000. Admiral Acosta served four years at sea, including a tour as First Lieutenant aboard USS Decatur (DDG 73) and a tour as staff oceanographer, scheduler, and staff navigator for Carrier Strike Group TWO (CSG 2), embarked on USS George H. W. Bush. Shore tours include Forecast Duty Officer and Command Duty Officer at the Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Center in

Rota, Spain; Joint Meteorology and Oceanography Officer at Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa as an Individual Augmentee; Requirements Officer for the ISR Capabilities Division, Chief of Naval Operations Staff (OPNAV N2N6F2); Deputy Executive Assistant to the Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy (OPNAV N2N6E); Executive Officer, Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center; and Senior OCEANO Assignments / Placement Officer. She also completed a special assignment as an associate fellow on the CNO's Strategic Studies Group (SSG) in Newport, Rhode Island. RDML Acosta commanded Fleet Weather Center Norfolk and the Naval Oceanography Antisubmarine Warfare Center, Yokosuka, Japan. Education includes a B.S. in Physical Oceanography from the U.S. Naval Academy, and an M.S. in Meteorology and Physical Oceanography from the Naval Postgraduate School. Personal awards include Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various campaign and unit awards. RDML Acosta is married to Mr. Dave Acosta of Annapolis, MD. They have two daughters.