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RDML DAVID E. KISSEL ASSUMES COMMAND OF OHIO NAVAL MILITIA

PORT CLINTON, OH, August 1, 2010: By order of Major General Gregory L. Wayt, Adjutant General of Ohio; Rear Admiral David E. Kissel has assumed the position of Commandant, Ohio Naval Militia; effective 0001 August 1, 2010. Admiral Kissel relieves Acting Commandant, Captain Albert F. Schmidt, Jr., who assumed command last May upon the retirement of RDML David E. Ozvat.

Admiral Kissel joined the 179th Air National Guard in 1968. During the 23 years he spent in the ANG he completed 8 years 5 months of active duty before retiring in 1991 as a Senior Master Sergeant (Fire Chief). Upon retirement, Kissel joined the Ohio Naval Militia in August 1991 and served as Maintenance Officer, Training Officer, Mission Support Officer, Executive Officer Ship's Company One and most recently Vice Commandant. Kissel is the recipient of many awards and decorations including: R.T. Cook Award Sailor of the Year, State of Ohio Supervisor of the Quarter, Air National Guard Fire Chief Association Outstanding Service Award, Ohio Commendation Medal, including Numerous Awards for Man hours and Drill Attendance. Admiral Kissel was selected by The Adjutant General on July 12, 2010 to become the next Commandant.

"The time I have spent in the Ohio Naval Militia has been of great reward to me personally" said Kissel. "My goal is to continue to build upon the success of the past and work to gain access to additional equipment, facilities and funding. The Ohio Naval Militia stands ready and able to provide assistance to the state of Ohio whenever she calls!"

The Ohio Naval Militia [ONM] is an organized, unarmed, all volunteer unit that has been serving the State of Ohio and our nation since 1896. The unit serves under Ohio's Adjutant General and its operational headquarters is on the Camp Perry Training Site, just outside of Port Clinton, Ohio, on the shores of Lake Erie. If you are interested in joining the ranks of the Ohio Naval Militia, log on to <http://navalmilitia.ohio.gov/> for more information.

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