

**Captain (Select) Patrick McNally**

**U.S. Navy Deputy Chief of Information (Acting)**

Captain (Select) McNally is a native of Bettendorf, Iowa and began his career as an enlisted Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) diver before being commissioned as a Special Operations Officer in 1993. He completed numerous deep sea salvage operations as a mixed-gas Diving and Salvage Officer while serving as the Operations Officer onboard USS EDENTON (ATS 1) and at MOBILE DIVING AND SALVAGE UNIT TWO (MDSU 2).

After a lateral transfer to the Navy Public Affairs community in 2000, Captain (Select) McNally served as a Navy news desk officer at CHINFO and as the Public Affairs Officer onboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) during a deployment in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. He later served as the Media Relations Branch Head at Commander, Naval Surface Forces, the Public Affairs Planning Branch Head at U.S. Fleet Forces Command and the Director of Public Affairs for Commander, Submarine Forces. His last tour was as the Deputy Special Assistant for Public Affairs on the Joint Staff and he currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Information for the U.S. Navy (Acting).

Captain (Select) McNally's educational achievements include a Master of Arts (MA) in Public Relations from San Diego State University (2006) and Master of Science (MS) in Computer System Management from the University of Maryland (2000).

Captain (Select) McNally's personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (with Combat "V"), the Joint Achievement Medal, as well as various campaign and service awards.