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USS Robin welcomes new CO

Lt. Cmdr. Leon Jablow IV will relieve Cmdr. Edward Bradfield of command of USS Robin (MHC 54), in ceremonies slated to be held in New York City, July 9.

Lt. Cmdr. Jablow earned a bachelor's degree in history and received his commission from the United States Naval Academy in May 1991. A surface warfare officer, his first assignment at sea was aboard USS Comte De Grasse (DD 974) where he served as auxiliaries officer and main propulsion assistant completing two U.S. Sixth Fleet deployments and several U.S. Second Fleet operations between 1992 and 1994.

Lt. Cmdr. Jablow's department head assignments include two tours as engineer officer. Serving aboard USS Devo (DD 989) from 1998 through 2000, he completed a deployment as part of Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean and participated in several U.S. Second Fleet exercises. His second assignment as engineer officer was aboard USS Cowpens (CG 63) from 2000 through 2001. As part of the U.S. Seventh Fleet forward deployed Naval forces based in Yokosuka, Japan, he participated in operations in the Indian Ocean, South China Sea, Yellow Sea and Western Pacific Ocean.

Ashore, Lt. Cmdr. Jablow has served on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations and on the OPNAV Staff (N3/N5) at the Navy Command Center in the Pentagon from 1995 to 1996. During this period, Lt. Cmdr. Jablow earned his masters degree in international relations from Catholic University of America.

In 2001, Lt. Cmdr. Jablow reported to Naval War College in Newport, R.I., where he earned a masters degree in national security and strategic studies. Upon completion of his assignment at the Naval War College, Jablow reported to the Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Studies Group (SSG) as an associate fellow. Serving with SSG XXII from 2002 to 2003, he was tasked with generating innovative warfighting concepts.

Jablow's personal decorations include three Navy Commendation Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal and various service and campaign awards.

Cmdr. Bradfield was commissioned through the Vanderbilt NROTC program. His decorations include three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and various unit citations.

Cmdr. Bradfield's next assignment will be as federal executive fellow in the Weatherhead Center at Harvard University.