

Captain John P. Cordle, USN, Ret

Captain (ret) Cordle is a native of Rome, Georgia and a 1984 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ocean Engineering (With Merit), a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Planning from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and a Master of Arts Degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. He is currently employed by Huntington Ingalls Industries as the Program Manager for Maintenance University. Captain Cordle retired From the United States Navy after 30 years' service in 2013. His final tour was as Chief of Staff for Commander, Naval Surface Forces Atlantic, where he also served as Force Maintenance and Force Manning Officer. He most recently commanded USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56), completing an INSURV and a Counter-Piracy deployment. He was the 2010 recipient of the U.S. Navy League's Captain John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership during this tour, the BUMED "Epictetus" Award for Innovative Leadership, and the 2013 Surface Navy Association "Author of the Year" for his co-authorship of the article "A Sea Change in Standing Watch". He was the Pre- Commissioning Reactor Officer in PCU GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77) and Operations Officer for Carrier Strike Group Twelve after commanding USS OSCAR AUSTIN (DDG 79) during Operation Iraqi Freedom. During this tour he was awarded a Bronze Star, Battle "E" and CHEZEK Gunnery award, as well as the SWOS "Admiral Bulkeley" Award for Peer Leadership. Previous sea tours included Executive Officer in USS COLE (DDG 67) and Reactor Training Assistant in PCU HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75). He also served as Weapons and Combat Systems Officer in USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51). He served Division Officer Tours as Main Propulsion Assistant in USS CALIFORNIA (CGN 36) and Damage Control Assistant in USS TRUXTUN (CGN 35). His shore assignment was as an instructor in the Personnel Exchange Program at the Federal German Naval Academy, where he was designated a Foreign Area Officer and a Master Training Specialist.

He currently leads the SURFLANT/PAC Maintenance University team, teaching Maintenance Management to over 10,000 Sailors per year at all levels from Work Center Supervisor to Major Command. In addition, he has authored several PROCEEDINGS articles and worked extensively on Crew Endurance improvements like circadian watch rotations for the United States Navy. Since retiring he has been a graduate student at Old Dominion University, earning a master's degree in Engineering Management and is two years into the Doctor of Engineering program with a focus on Crew Endurance and Human Systems Integration.