

Dr. John P. Cordle
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Dr. Cordle is 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 Doctor of Engineering Management with a focus in Human Systems Integration from Old Dominion University. He has 6 years' experience as a Program Manager for Maintenance University, after retiring as a Captain from the United States Navy with 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, DDG Classron lead for over 75 ships and 75,000 Sailors. Areas of Expertise include:



Maritime Operations. Expertise in lessons learned and incident investigations include two Navy surface ship command tours including a wartime deployment in command of USS Oscar Austin (DDG 79) and a counter-piracy deployment in command of USS San Jacinto (CG 56). He also served as Reactor Officer in USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77), in a program (Navy Nuclear Power) known for its technical rigor and lessons learned process. Lead investigator for the Navy's USS Porter (DDG 78) collision in 2012, providing extensive recommendations and best practices through official channels as well as authoring over 22 USNI and Naval Engineering Journal articles.

Leadership. Recognized with several of the Navy's highest individual leadership awards, including Bronze Star, Battle "E" and CHEZEK Gunnery award, as well as the SWOS "Admiral Bulkeley" Award for Peer Leadership. He was the 2010 recipient of the U.S. Navy League's Captain John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership. Extensively published in Navy Leadership forums.

Human Factors and Human Systems Integration. Awarded the 2013 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" with Dr. Nita Shattuck. Member of the Navy's Crew Endurance Team, providing lessons learned and best practices on issues relating to fatigue and watch standing. Completed a master's degree and a Doctorate in Engineering Management at Old Dominion University in May of 2019. Completed 2 of 4 courses for Naval Postgraduate School Navy Human Systems Integration Certification.

Continuous Improvement. He was recently awarded a second SNA Literary Award in 2019 for his articles addressing issues related to lessons related to the 2 deadly collisions suffered by the Navy in 2017. Hand-picked by Navy Leadership to lead a Crew Endurance and Fatigue Management Discussion Panel at the annual Surface Navy Association Symposium in January 2019. Recognized with the U.S. Naval Institute PROCEEDINGS "Author of the Year" and Surface Navy Association Literary Award for 2018. He also is the recipient of the American Society of Navy Engineers Solberg Award for Research, awarded for making a significant contribution to Naval Readiness over the past 3 years.