

Andrew Coombs

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Andrew Coombs leads the Smart Arsenal initiative at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division. Born and raised in Charles County and a graduate of McDonough High School, Andrew earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. During college, he started working at NSWC Indian Head in the Manufacturing department as a summer intern during semester breaks.

"NSWC Indian Head provided technical work close to home, allowing me to reconnect with family and friends each summer, along with tuition assistance," Andrew recalls. "My college roommates called me a rocket scientist, but I corrected them because at NSWC Indian Head, I worked with actual rocket scientists."

After graduation, Coombs was hired into the Engineering department, where he spent most of his 15-year career as an engineer, team lead, and first-line supervisor supporting various

Navy and joint service systems. In 2023, he took on an organizational leadership role within the Command as the Customer Advocate for the Air Domain portfolio. Upon learning of the emerging Smart Arsenal initiative, he eagerly sought involvement due to his deep regard for the base, the community, and the Navy's mission.

"The idea of Smart Arsenal is appealing because it intertwines my career with my community and provides me the opportunity to work with experts across fields to impact the future of the base and the region in a positive way," Andrew explains.

Andrew resides in Charles County with his wife and two sons.

"Work/life balance is important to me," he emphasizes. "I appreciate my relatively short commute and the ability it has afforded me to spend time with my family, volunteer within the community, and tinker with my sprawling automotive and home projects."