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## **Commanding Officer USCGC Polar Star Visits the U.S National Ice Center**

24 May 17– The U.S. National Ice Center (USNIC) received a visit from Captain Michael Davanzo, the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) Polar Star (WAGB-10). Captain Davanzo met with Sailors and civilian employees, toured spaces, and received a command brief from the Director, Commander Ruth Lane.

USCGC Polar Star is the Coast Guard's heavy icebreaker. The ship returned in March from Operation DEEP FREEZE, the annual resupply mission to McMurdo Station, Antarctica. Ice analysts in Suitland, Maryland provided annotated imagery daily to the ship while operating near the ice and an ice analyst embarked for the mission to provide direct imagery interpretation for icebreaking operations and planning. Captain Davanzo thanked the USNIC for its superb support.



0170525-N-NH754-040 (24 May 2017) - Capt. Davanzo receives a command brief at USNIC. (U.S Navy photo/Released)

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