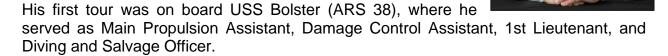


CAPT AARON S. PETERS, USN

Commanding Officer
Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division

Captain Aaron S. Peters assumed command of Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division July 28, 2017 and today leads more than 1,400 civilians, 425 contractors and 35 military and an overall business base of over \$500 million. The Division's mission areas include mine warfare, diving and life support, naval special warfare, expeditionary maneuver systems, and all other missions that occur in the littorals.

Peters, a Oregon, Ohio native, is a 1990 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (Operational Analysis).



He graduated from EOD School in May 1995 and reported to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) TWO where he served as Officer in Charge of Detachment Keflavik, Iceland, and Officer in Charge of Detachment SIXTEEN.

In 1996, he deployed with Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group TWELVE as EOD Coordinator for the Enterprise Battle Group. After completing a successful deployment, he was involved with many other special assignments to include range clearances, search and rescue support, Chief of Naval Operation's special project, Secret Service support, and EODMU TWO Operations Officer for Exercise FUERTES DEFENSAS 1997.

In February 1998, he reported on board USS Salvor (ARS 52) as Executive Officer. While serving as Executive Officer, he guided the ship through a highly successful Western Pacific deployment, salvaging two F-16Ds off the coast of Korea. Additionally, Salvor was awarded two Battle "E" Efficiency Awards under his superb leadership and received eight of eight Command Excellence Awards.

In December 2002, he earned a Master of Science in Systems Engineering and Integration at Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). As a member of a large scale Expeditionary Warfare study conducted at NPS for OPNAV N7, he played a pivotal role in designing an Expeditionary Warfare "system of systems" for 2015 – 2020 and was awarded the Northrop Grumman Award for Excellence in Systems Engineering and Integration.

In January 2002, he reported to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit TEN as Commanding Officer. During his tour he supervised the mobilization and deployment of two Ordnance Clearance Detachments in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and NOBLE EAGLE.

In August 2004, he reported to Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron TWO as Chief Staff Officer and led the Navy's largest Readiness and Training Squadron consisting of 24 MCM and MHC ships and 24 Crews.

In July 2006, he was assigned to the OPNAV N80 Staff serving as an Expeditionary Warfare Analyst, managing Navy's Weapons and Ammunition appropriations, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, Naval Special Warfare, Mine Warfare, and Irregular Warfare.

In August 2008, he served as Deputy, Program Manager for PMS 408 (EOD) and in May 2010 was assigned as Principle Assistant Program Manager for PMS 408 (EOD/CREW).

In March 2012, he was assigned as Deputy for the Mine Warfare branch, OPNAV N952 and reassigned as the Mine Warfare Branch Head in June 2013.

In August 2014, he became the Program Manager of NAVSEA 06 - Expeditionary Missions (PMS 408), responsible for systems acquisition and life cycle support for Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device (RCIED) Electronic Warfare (CREW), Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), and Anti-Terrorism Afloat (ATA).

Captain Peters is a qualified Surface Warfare Officer, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer, Master EOD Technician, Diver, and Naval Parachutist. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with four gold stars), Navy Commendation Medal (with two gold stars), Navy Achievement Medal (with two gold stars), and various service awards.

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