



## **Biography**

### *United States Navy*

## **Commander Steve Williams**

**Chief Staff Officer**

**Port Hueneme Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center**

CDR Steve Williams hails from Sonoma County, CA. In 1989, he graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, and received his commission through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. After completing Surface Warfare Officer School in San Diego, he reported to USS CALLAGHAN (DDG 994). During his time aboard, the ship completed a complex overhaul to install the New Threat Upgrade and deployed to the Persian Gulf with a subsequent round-the-world cruise.

Departing for shore duty, CDR Williams attended the Naval Postgraduate School, in Monterey, CA., graduating in 1995 with a Master of Science in Operations Research. Following Department Head School in Newport, RI, he reported for duty as Engineer Officer in USS DAVID R RAY (DD 971), during which time the ship shifted homeport to Everett, WA. Following this tour, CDR Williams reported as Engineer Officer in USS JOHN S MCCAIN (DDG 56) forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, making a series of deployments throughout the SEVENTH Fleet AOR as well as one to FIFTH Fleet.

CDR Williams next went ashore to the Pentagon, working as a Cost Analyst in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Program Analysis and Evaluation, where he worked a number of issues relating to the Defense Information Systems Agency. After attending Executive Officer School, he reported to USS FLETCHER (DD 992) home ported in Pearl Harbor. Returning again to sea, he reported to Carrier Group FIVE, Kitty Hawk Strike Group, in Yokosuka, Japan, where he was assigned duties as the Strike Group Training Officer and the India Exercise Officer, twice coordinating SEVENTH Fleet participation in the annual MALABAR Exercise.

CDR Williams then received orders to NATO Maritime Component Command, Naples, Italy, where he worked as Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR Non-NATO Partnership Project Officer. Next, CDR Williams completed a year Interim Assignment at EUCOM in Stuttgart, Germany in the Requirements and Capabilities Division.

CDR Williams reported to Port Hueneme Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center in November 2009, as Land and Sea Test Department Officer, before becoming Chief Staff Officer in September 2010.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Meritorious Service Medal, NATO Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), the Navy Achievement Medal, and various unit and service awards and citations.

