

Captain Mark R. Whitney

Captain Mark R. Whitney is a native of South Portland, Maine. He was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy in April 1984 after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering from Maine Maritime Academy. Following Surface Warfare Officers School and Steam Engineering Officer of the Watch School, he reported to USS Luce (DDG 38) in February 1985. While onboard Luce, he served as Auxiliaries Officer, Main Engines Officer, Boilers Officer, and Main Propulsion Assistant and qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer. Following Luce, he reported to Commander, Destroyer Squadron (COMDESRON 12) in November 1987. While at COMDESRON 12, he served as Assistant Materials Officer, Materials Officer, and Chief Engineer of Luce. Following COMDESRON 12, he reported to U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) in April 1990 as Plans and Programs Officer. During his assignment, he supported Operations Desert Shield/Storm as a member of the USSOCOM Crisis Action Team. While assigned to USSOCOM, he was accepted for lateral transfer into the Engineering Duty Officer Program in October 1991.

In December 1994, Captain Whitney completed his graduate education at the Naval Postgraduate School, earning a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and receiving the Naval Postgraduate School Superior Service Award. He subsequently served at Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY) Naval Reactors Representative's Office (NRRO) in January 1995, where he was a Naval Reactors Representative Assistant. He was later assigned to the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair (SUPSHIP) Newport News in August 1996, where he was an Assistant Project Officer (APO) in the Aircraft Carrier New Construction Project Office for the new construction of USS Harry S Truman (CVN 75) and APO in the Aircraft Carrier Overhaul Project Office for USS Enterprise (CVN 65) Extended Selected Restricted Availability, USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Extended Docking Selected Restricted Availability, and USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Refueling Complex Overhaul. Following SUPSHIP Newport News, he reported for a second tour at NNSY in November 1998 as Deputy Project Superintendent for the Theodore Roosevelt Planned Incremental Availability.

Captain Whitney assumed the responsibilities as Chief Engineer on Theodore Roosevelt in August 2000 and completed a combat deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In August 2002, he reported to Director, Surface Warfare (N76), on the Chief of Naval Operations Staff (OPNAV), as the Surface Ship Maintenance and Modernization Section Head. In May 2003, he reported to Director, Air Warfare (N78), on the OPNAV Staff as the Aircraft Carrier Requirements Officer. In August 2004, he reported to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, where he served as the Operations Officer (Code 300). In July 2006, he reported as the Assistant Deputy Commander for Industrial Operations (SEA 04X), Naval Sea Systems Command. On May 23, 2008, Captain Whitney became the 47th Commander of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Gold Stars, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Joint Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star, and the Battle Efficiency Ribbon in addition to various campaign and service awards.