



## **Captain Gisele M. Bonitz**

Executive Officer

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific

CAPT Gisele M. Bonitz assumed her current position as the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific Executive Officer July 2014. Prior to that, she was the Executive Assistant and Chief of Staff at Space and Naval Warfare Command (SPAWAR). At SPAWAR she also served as Advisor on all Information Technology Matters to the Chief Engineer and continues to serve as the SYSCOMs Wounded Warrior Program Manager.

Born in Panama and raised in Nicaragua, CAPT Bonitz received her commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program after graduating from the University of California, Berkeley. She holds a Master of Science degree in Space Systems Operations from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the Air War College. She is a member of the Navy's Information Warfare Community, Information Professional Community, the Space Cadre and the Defense Department Acquisition Corps.

During her early assignments, CAPT Bonitz served as Watch Officer at Naval Facility Bermuda, the Intelligence Officer and Public Affairs Officer at Commander Undersea Surveillance, Pacific in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and as Assistant Officer in Charge at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Detachment Lakehurst in Lakehurst, New Jersey. She also served as the Enlisted Programs Officer at Navy Recruiting District San Francisco in Oakland, California where she led 250 recruiters with 56 recruiting stations across two states.

In October 2003, she was selected as the Chief of Information Assurance at the Combined Joint Task Force Seven in Baghdad, Iraq. She supported a multi-national coalition of 120 thousand users of multiple networks. In June 2004 CAPT Bonitz assumed the duties of Deputy of the Innovations and Experimentation Directorate at Commander, Third Fleet in San Diego where she interfaced with industry's technical community representatives and brought the latest technology to the Fleet.

Her next assignment was to Expeditionary Strike Group One where she was the Assistant Chief of Staff for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Information (C4I). During the deployment, she set up a communications infrastructure that supported the strike group's operations in three simultaneous theaters. She was also responsible for maritime communications for the multi-national coalition exercise Bright Star 2005 and developed the Concepts of Operations for the Unmanned Air Vehicle, SCAN EAGLE.

Following her sea tour, CAPT Bonitz assumed the duties of East Coast Aircraft Carriers C4I Installation Assistant Program Manager at the Program Executive Office for C4I in San Diego, California.

Her next duty was at the United States Strategic Command (STRATCOM) where she first served as the new Information Operations Joint Munitions Effectiveness Manual Program Manager and the Computer Network Defense and Information Assurance Branch Chief and later was later selected as Deputy, Cyberspace and C2 Requirements Division. In December 2009 she was selected as the IT Program Manager for STRATCOM's new billion dollar headquarters building and the Division Chief for the IT Enterprise System and Plans Division.

CAPT Bonitz' personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Medal, four Commendation Medals, and two Navy Achievement Medals.