

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LCDR Paul Smith is a native of Boston Massachusetts. After graduating from New Mexico State University in 1981, he was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1982 and attended Surface Warfare Officers School in Coronado, California.

His first assignment was aboard USS LANG (FF 1060) where he served as Combat Information Center Officer from September 1982 to September 1985. He then reported to the nuclear cruiser TRUXTUN (CGN 35) as Combat Information Center Officer. TRUXTUN was deployed through all four numbered fleets, acting as battle group Anti-Air Warfare Commander. LCDR Smith served as the FAAWC throughout the deployment.

In October 1987, LCDR Smith was assigned to FCTCPAC where he served as the primary instructor for the Tactical Action Officer course and as the command Anti-Air Warfare Officer. Upon completion of Department Head School in June 1990, he reported to USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG 13) where he served both as Operations Officer and Engineering Officer until December 1991. In January 1992, LCDR Smith reported as commissioning Combat Systems Officer in USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71). During this period, CAPE ST. GEORGE conducted five live missile firings of the Cooperative Engagement Concept (CEC) system and was the winner of the Arizona Memorial Trophy.

In August 1994, LCDR Smith was assigned as commissioning Flag Secretary to Commander, Amphibious Group Four and in July 1995 as commissioning Flag Secretary to Commander, Western Hemisphere Group. In June he reported as Executive Officer in USS JAN JACINTO (CG 56).

LCDR Smith has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, the Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star, the Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star, three Battle Efficiency awards and various other unit and service awards.

He is married to the former Ann Marie Schaffner (LCDR-NC, USNR) of Sprongboro, Ohio. They have three daughters, Megan, Erin, and Kathrin. They reside in Chesapeake, VA.

