



## Captain James B. Renninger Chief of Staff

Captain James B. Renninger was born and raised in Boyertown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1972, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Math Education. He entered the naval service through Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida and earned his aviator wings in December 1973.

His initial assignment was to the "Scouts" of VS 24, where he completed transition training in the S-3 "Viking" aircraft. Following deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68), he was assigned to VT 26 in Beeville, Texas, where he conducted basic jet flight instruction in the T-2C. While in Beeville, he accumulated over 1450 instructional hours, earned a Master of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Webster College and was selected as "TRAWING THREE Instructor of the Year" for 1980. Assigned to USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) as the Assistant Air Operations Officer, he fully qualified as an Officer of the Deck underway and led one of five bridge teams throughout an Indian Ocean deployment. After a brief tour at VS 41, where he performed the duties of the Quality Assurance Officer, he was assigned to the "Maulers" of VS 32. As the Maintenance Officer, he deployed to the Mediterranean Sea aboard USS AMERICA (CV 66) which was involved in the 1986 Libyan air strikes.

Captain Renninger once again reported to the "Scouts" of VS 24 as the Executive Officer in July 1987. He assumed command in October 1988 and completed the first operational deployment aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) as a unit of CVW 8. Highlights of his tour included transition to the S-3B, first deployment of the aerial refueling store capable S-3 and selection for the COMNAVAIRLANT Battle Efficiency "E" award in 1989.

Upon completion of his command tour, he was assigned as the S-3 representative to Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. While in this position, he was also tasked to manage the Flying Hour Program for the entire Atlantic Fleet during operation Desert Storm, a task encompassing an annual budget of over \$339 million and 485,000 flight hours.

His next command was VS 27, the S-3B Fleet Readiness Squadron (FRS) located at Cecil Field, Florida. From May 1991 to July 1992, he was directly responsible for the training of Fleet Replacement Pilots, Naval Flight Officers, Naval Aircrew, and maintenance personnel.

A 1993 graduate of the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington, DC, he completed a tour on the Joint Staff where he was assigned to the Director of Operational Plans and Interoperability Directorate (J-7) responsible for developing joint training policy for the Department of Defense.

Following qualification as a Joint Service Officer (JSO), he took command of Sea Control Wing, Atlantic at NAS Cecil Field, Fla. Here he was responsible for operational training and deployment of six S-3B and ES-3A Squadrons which included more than 48 aircraft and over 2,000 personnel.

Captain Renninger assumed his current position as Chief of Staff, Cruiser-Destroyer Group TWO in May 1997.

Captain Renninger has logged more than 5,700 flight hours including over 3,400 in the S-3. He has accumulated over 550 carrier landings including more than 500 in the S-3. He also made the very first arrested landing aboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70).

Captain Renninger's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with two Gold Stars), Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (with Gold Star), Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Medal (with Bronze Star) and various other medals and service awards.

Captain Renninger is married to the former Phyllis Rogers of Douglassville, Pennsylvania. They reside in Orange Park, Florida with their five children; Rebecca, Bryan, Jessica, Katherine and Daniel.