

COMMANDING OFFICER

CDR DAWD CLENISTER

Commander Glenister was born in East Rockaway, NY. He was commissioned through the NROTC program at the Univerity of Notre Dame, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1990.

Commander Glenister's first assignment was USS WADSWORTH (FFG 9) where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant, Ordnance Officer, and Combat Information Center Officer from 1990 to 1994. He then joined precommissioning crew of USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62) in Bath, Maine and eventually San Diego, California where he served as Fire Control Officer and Assistant Operations Officer until 1997. Following completion of Department Head School in 1998 he reported aboard USS ANTIETAM where he served as Weapons Officer and later Combat Systems Officer until August 2001. During deployment to Central Command in 1998-1999, ANTIETAM participated in Operation Desert Fox and Operation Infinite Resolve as the SAG Commander for CARL VINSON Battle Group units when detached from the Carrier.

In 2001, Commander Glenister joined the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) in the Surface Warfare Directorate serving as an Action Officer and Requirements Officer, as well as a member of the Time Critical Targeting and Naval Fires mission capability package development teams. While at OPNAV, he earned a Masters of Science degree in Computer Science from Nova Southeastern University.

In August 2002, he detached and subsequently assumed Command of USS FALCON (MHC 59) in Ingleside, Texas. In October of 2003, he detached and reported to Commander, Seventh Fleet staff where he assumed duties as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans (N5A) and Strategic Plans Officer, as well as Deputy Plans (J5A) for JTF 515. In his capacity as a Joint Operations Planner, he led numerous Crisis Action Planning teams for real world contingency operations, the regional war on terror, and modifications to major theater Operations Plans. He was also the Deputy for the Maritime Planning Group when SEVENTH Fleet was serving as JFMCC or JTF Commander for real world operations and joint/combined exercises.

In December 2006, he reported to Commander Third Fleet Staff, and assumed duties as Training Policy Officer. He was responsible for the development and execution of the Fleet Response Training Plan for four Carrier Strike Groups, four Expeditionary Strike Groups, and the certification of Independent Deploying Units. He also served as a member of the U.S. Navy's JFMCC Assist and Assess team, administered by the Naval War College and responsible for providing training and observation for all numbered fleet staffs as part of their JFMCC certification to their respective COCOMs.

In April of 2008, Commander Glenister assumed his present duties as Commanding Officer, USS RENTZ (FFG 46).