

# COMMANDING OFFICER CAPTAIN (SEL) M. G. WAHLSTROM



Captain (sel) Mark Wahlstrom, is the son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Donald H. Wahlstrom of Poway, California. Commander Wahlstrom graduated from Poway High School in June 1973. Upon graduation, he was awarded a Navy ROTC Scholarship and attended The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. In May 1977, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and was commissioned an Ensign. CDR Wahlstrom was assigned to USS PONCHATOULA (AO 148), where he served as the Assistant First Lieutenant, First Division Officer, and Gunnery Officer.

CAPT Wahlstrom completed Surface Warfare Officer School Department Head course in September 1981 and served as Chief Engineer in USS ROARK (FF 1053) until January 1984. From February 1984 through September 1985, he served as Chief Engineer in USS HORNE (CG 30). From September 1985 through June 1986, he served as Operations Officer in HORNE.

From June 1986 through December 1987, CAPT Wahlstrom attended Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California earning a Master of Science in Management degree with emphasis in financial management. From January 1988 to July 1989, CDR Wahlstrom served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Administration and Flag Secretary to Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group 1. From July 1989 to March 1991, he served as the Executive Officer, Pre-Commissioning Unit COWPENS (CG 63) and as the Executive Officer, USS COWPENS (CG 63) from March 1991 to March 1992.



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