

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JUAN C. GONZALEZ U.S. NAVY  
USS PAUL HAMILTON  
(DDG-60)  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Commander Gonzalez signed up for the Delayed Entry Program in 1982 and applied for the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) Program. After graduating from Sam Houston Senior High School in 1984 he attended Boot Camp at Recruit Training Command San Diego, California. Upon completion of Boot Camp he attended the BOOST School prior to enrolling in college in 1985. He received his commission through the NROTC program in 1989 and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Prairie View A&M.



His first sea duty assignment was to the USS MISSISSIPPI (CGN 40) from November 1989 to December 1992 where he served as the First Lieutenant, Ordnance Officer and Systems Test Officer. While onboard, the USS MISSISSIPPI participated in several Coast Guard Law Enforcement Operations in the Caribbean, an extended SRA, and Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM where they conducted Maritime Intercept Operations and Tomahawk Strike duties in the Red Sea. Following his Division Officer tour, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School where he received a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering.

Lieutenant Commander Gonzalez' Department Head tour was aboard the USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60) as the Weapons Officer and Combat Systems Officer from July 1996 to July 1999. During his Department Head tour, the PAUL HAMILTON completed two Middle East Force deployments to the Arabian Gulf both of which supported Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, and the second involved participation in Tomahawk Strike Operations in support of Operation DESERT FOX. Upon completion of his Department Head tour aboard PAUL HAMILTON, he attended the Spanish Armed Forces Joint Staff College in Madrid Spain from 1999 to 2000. His next tour was in the Command, Control, Communications and Computer (C4) Directorate at United States Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska from 2000 to 2002.

Lieutenant Commander Gonzalez is married to his high school sweetheart the former Patricia ("Trish") Pugh of Houston, Texas. They have a son, Lucas, and a daughter, Amaris, born January 2003.

