

# COMMANDING OFFICER

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**CAPTAIN B. C. NELSON**

Born in Los Angeles, Captain Nelson was raised worldwide as the son of a career Air Force officer. Prior to entering the Navy, he lived in Japan, Germany, North Africa and throughout the U.S. A graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, he received his commission through the Reserve Officer Candidate (ROC) program. Captain Nelson has served as Commanding Officer, **USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)**, **USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29)**, and **USS TAWASA (ATF 92)**. Other sea tours include Executive Officer of **USS KISKA (AE 35)**, two consecutive tours on **USS HIGBEE (DD 803)**, one as Gunnery Officer and Navigator prior to attending Class 22 at Naval Destroyer School, and one as Weapons Officer following the school. His initial sea tour was Communications Officer on **USS FIREDRAKE (AE 14)**. His most recent shore tour was Executive Officer, Surface Warfare Officer Schools Command in Newport, Rhode Island. He began that tour as the PCO/PXO Instructor for Combat Logistics Forces and Director of the Management Curricula. During the tour Captain Nelson was the Navy's technical advisor and designer of the Marine Safety International Shiphandling

Trainer Complex. Captain Nelson has served in a variety of shore tours, including two sequential tours in Naval Military Personnel Command, first as Placement Officer for Combat Logistics Forces and subsequently as the first Special Assistant for Surface Warfare Matters. During this tour he designed and developed the Officer Automated Information System, now used throughout Officer Distribution at NMPC. He has also served as Flag Secretary, Commander Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Communication Area Master Station Officer, NAVCOMMSTA Stockton; and Academic Plans Officer, Naval Destroyer School staff. He graduated with distinction from the Command and Staff Course of the Naval War College in Newport, and later, the senior level course at the National War College in Washington, DC. He has been awarded a Masters of Science Degree in Management. Captain Nelson's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Navy Commendation Medal with gold star, Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and various campaign medals. He is married to the former Kimberly Allison Von Alt of Syosset, New York. They have two daughters, Michaely and Laura.