

COMMANDING OFFICER



CAPTAIN DENNIS VELEZ COMMANDING OFFICER

CAPT Velez is a native of Adjuntas, Puerto Rico and a 1992 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. His sea tours include service on USS STOUT (DDG 55), USS CARR (FFG 52), USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64), U.S. Second Fleet, USS DONALD COOK (DDG 75), and Destroyer Squadron Fifteen.

CAPT Velez commanded the Guided Missile Destroyer USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62), forward deployed to Yokosuka. His shore duties included Officer in Charge of Western Hemisphere Group Caribbean Area Coordinator in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. He also served as Surface Placement

Branch Head, Head Junior Surface Warfare Distribution, Assistant Captain Detailer and Deputy Director for Surface Warfare Distribution (PERS-41) for the Naval Personnel Command. Prior to command, he served in the Joint Staff Strategic Plans and Policy (CJCS J-5) Directorate as Chief, North East Asia Division and Assistant Director for Political-Military Affairs, Asia.

CAPT Velez has earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering and Master of Science degree in Information Technology Management. His personal military decorations include the Defense Superior Service, Meritorious Service, the Navy Commendation, and the Navy Achievement Medals. However, he is most proud of his appointment as an Honorary Chief Petty Officer by DONALD COOK's Command Master Chief, CMDCM Steve Fontenot, in February 2007.

He is married to the former Delissa Nazario of Bayamon, Puerto Rico and is the proud father of three children, Melissa, Madeline and Dennis Jr.

