



Nelson C. Castro

Commander, United States Navy

Commanding Officer

USS WINSTON S. CHURCHILL (DDG-81)

Commander Nelson Castro is a native of Fajardo, Puerto Rico and a graduate from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nuclear Engineering, he received his commission on 8 August 1987. Additionally, CDR Castro holds a Master of Science degree in Physics from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Strategic Studies from United States Marine Corps War College.

Most recently, CDR Castro was Executive Officer, USS Vella Gulf (CG 72). Other sea assignments were: Engineer Officer in USS Ross (DDG 71), Engineer Officer in USS Elrod (FFG 55) and Main Propulsion Assistant/CIC Officer in USS Dahlgren (DDG 43).

CDR Castro's shore tours include serving as Requirements Officer for Force Air Defense and Engagement Systems, OPNAV N76/N71 and Assistant Strike Department Head at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (NSAWC).

CDR Castro assumed command of USS Winston S Churchill (DDG 81) in March 2006.

His decorations and awards include: Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal. Additionally, he is authorized to wear numerous unit and campaign awards.

