

COMMANDING OFFICER

COMMANDER MATTHEW S. BEAVER UNITED STATES NAVY

Commander Matt Beaver was born in Hagerstown, Maryland. He graduated from the Florida Institute of Technology in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ocean Engineering.

Commissioned through Officer Candidate School in March 1985, his first tour was aboard USS PETERSON (DD 969) in which he served as the Auxiliaries Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant, and Navigator. While aboard PETERSON he deployed to the Mediterranean Sea twice and participated in operations in the Black and Caribbean Seas as well as the 1986 Libyan strike operations.

He reported to the U. S. Naval Academy in 1988 as an instructor in the Department of Seamanship and Navigation. He supervised the navigation piloting course and served as officer-in-charge of yard patrol craft and sail training craft.

In 1992, Lieutenant Beaver reported to USS CARON (DD 970) as Chief Engineer. While aboard CARON he deployed to the Mediterranean and Red Seas. While in the Red Sea CARON participated in the January 1993 Tomahawk strikes. His follow-on assignment was to COMDESRON TWO as Materiel Officer. During this tour he was also assigned to USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) as Chief Engineer.

In 1996, Lieutenant Commander Beaver then reported to the Joint War College (Collège Interarmées de Défense) in Paris, France as the USN exchange student. Over one hundred foreign exchange officers representing sixty-six countries attend this war college.

Returning to the U.S., he served one year as the Flag Secretary for COMINWARCOM in Corpus Christi, Texas before assuming command of USS ROBIN (MHC 54) in 1999. ROBIN sailed in the Caribbean phase of the multinational exercise UNITAS 00-1 and also participated in several



fleet exercises. In October 2000, ROBIN won the Golden Anchor award.

Commander Beaver then reported to the College of Naval Warfare at the Naval War College. He was the November 2001 President's Honor Graduate. After war college he served briefly as an instructor in the Command Training Department at Surface Warfare Officer's School.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (4), and the Navy Achievement Medal (3).

