



CAPT Peter Pagano Executive Officer USS Kearsarge (LHD 3)

Captain Peter Pagano, a native of Queens, New York received his Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics from St. Jons University, NY and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1986.

Upon his commissioning, Captain Pagano was assigned to the USS RICHMOND K. TURNER (CG 20) in Charleston, SC where he served as Boilers, Electronic Warfare, Missiles and Weapons Readiness Officer, deploying in support of operation EARNEST WILL.

In December 1990, Captain Pagano reported to Surface Warfare Officers School as a Combat Systems instructor at the Division Officer Course. During this tour, he earned a Masters Degree in Foreign Affairs from Salve Regina University, Newport, RI. Upon completion of Department Head School in October 1993, he reported to USS UNDERWOOD (FFG 36) in Mayport, FL assuming duties as Combat Systems Officer and completing an Operation SOUTHERN WATCH deployment. Following this assignment, Captain Pagano assumed duties as

Damage Control Assistant in USS AMERICA (CV 66) where he participated in operations RESTORE DEMOCRACY and DELIBERATE FORCE. In June 1996, he was assigned as a student to the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College. En route to his Executive Officer tour, he completed the Armed Forces Staff College.

In February 1998, Captain Pagano assumed duties as Executive Officer of USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG 49) completing a Standing Naval Forces Atlantic (SNFL) deployment. In July of 1999 he reported to USCINCLANTFLT as action officer and assistant branch head of Plans and Policies in the N5 Directorate. Following this assignment, Captain Pagano reported to USJFCOM Joint Warfighting Center as a Deployable Training Team Observer/Trainer supporting combatant commanders' real world and exercise requirements globally. In June 2004, Captain Pagano became the Commanding Officer of USS CARR (FFG 52). Under his command, CARR conducted a pioneering deployment to the Gulf of Guinea and western Africa in support of EUCOM theater security objectives. In July 2006, he assumed duties as Executive Officer of USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3). Captain Pagano was selected for major amphibious command in November 2007.

Captain Pagano is a designated Joint Specialty Officer. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), the Navy Achievement Medal, and various service medals and unit awards.