



Lieutenant Commander David D. Bruhn, USN



Lieutenant Commander Bruhn, a native of Chico, California, enlisted in the Navy in February 1977 and served aboard USS MILLER (FF 1091) and USS LEFTWICH (DD 984). He received his commission through Officer Candidate School in June 1983, after graduating from California State University at Chico with a B.A. in physical science, in December 1982.

In February 1984 following initial training, Lieutenant Commander Bruhn reported to USS EXCEL (MSO 439), homeported in San Francisco, CA. His assignments included Chief Engineer, Supply Officer, and Damage Control Assistant.

Upon graduation from Department Head School in February 1987, he served as Chief Engineer in USS THACH (FFG 43), homeported in San Diego, CA. While deployed to the Persian Gulf during the Iraq-Iran war, USS THACH participated in Operations "Earnest Will" and "Nimble Archer".

Departing USS THACH in March 1989, Lieutenant Commander Bruhn reported as Material Officer on the staff of Commander, Destroyer Squadron THIRTEEN, in San Diego, CA. Desron 13 participated in Western Pacific surge operations before its transition from an operational to a readiness squadron.

In January 1991, Lieutenant Commander Bruhn reported to the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, where he studied financial management and graduated with an M.S. in management in June 1992. From July 1992 to July 1995 he served on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as a budget analyst and POM Coordinator in the Office of the Navy Comptroller (N82) and Space and Electronic Warfare (N6) Directorate, respectively.

From August 1995 to June 1996, Lieutenant Commander Bruhn, attended the U.S. Naval War College and graduated with an M.A. in national security and strategic studies.

Lieutenant Commander Bruhn's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with two Gold Stars, and various campaign and service medals.

Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Bruhn (the former Nancy Patricia Pratt) reside in Portland, Texas. They have two children, David, age ten, and Michael, age six.

