

## Commanding Officer

# CAPTAIN BRIAN E. LUTHER

**Capt. Brian E. Luther** graduated from Marquette University in 1984 with a degree in Computer Science and was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1986.

Seagoing assignments include Sea Control Squadron Twenty-Two onboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) and Sea Control Squadron Twenty-Four on board USS Roosevelt (CVN 71) flying the S-3B Viking. During this tour he was recognized as the Sea Control Wing One Aviator of the Year for 1990. Capt. Luther also served as the Carrier Air Wing Seven Undersea and Surface Warfare Officer aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73). He commanded Sea Control Squadron Twenty-Four onboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65). Under his



leadership the squadron completed a deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf, participated in Operation Enduring Freedom, and was awarded the CNAL 2001 Battle 'E', CNO Safety 'S', CINCLANTFLT Golden Anchor retention excellence, CVW-8 Golden Wrench, and was nominated for the DoD Phoenix Maintenance award by CVW-8 and Sea Control Wing, Atlantic.

He first served ashore as a Joint Staff Intern (J6K) as an action of-

ficer and watchstander in the National Military Command Center during operation Desert Storm. Other Washington D.C. duty assignments include; Tactical Air Analyst for the Director, Strike and Amphibious Warfare Division (OP-74) on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations and at the S-3 Class Desk, Naval Air Systems Command. He has served two tours on the staff of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller as the

Financial Management Officer for Aviation Procurement programs and as the Assistant Director, Office of Budget. He served as Executive Officer onboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68) prior to assuming duties as commanding officer for USS Tarawa.

He graduated from the Navy War College non-resident program, earned his MBA from George Mason University in May 2004 and completed the Navy Nuclear Power training program in December 2005.

Capt. Luther's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (four awards, one combat device), Navy Achievement Medal and various other unit and campaign awards. He has flown over 3,400 flight hours and has accumulated 825 carrier landings.

## Executive Officer

# CAPTAIN DAVID F. BEAN

**Captain David F. Bean**, a native of Glastonbury, Conn., graduated from Bowdoin College in 1982, received his commission from Aviation Officer Candidate School in October of that year, and earned his Aviator's wings in December 1983. His first operational assignment was with HS-8 at NAS North Island, Calif. While assigned there he deployed with Air Wing 14 (CVW 14) aboard USS Constellation (CV 64).

Following his tour with HS-8, Capt. Bean reported to HS-10 as an instructor pilot, and in May 1989, was assigned to the Carrier Group 7 staff as Flag Lieutenant and Aide to the Commander. During his tour the staff was embarked on three different aircraft carriers and deployed to the Northern Pacific and Indian Ocean.

Capt. Bean was chosen in Jan. 1991 to serve as an intern with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and upon completion of the internship he was selected to attend Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. In Aug. 1993 he was awarded a Masters in International Relations and International Economics.

Upon completion of his graduate work, Capt. Bean was again assigned to HS-8. He subsequently made deployments aboard



USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and USS Nimitz (CVN 68). In Nov. 1996, Capt. Bean reported to the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I., and was chosen as Honor Graduate of the College of Naval Command and Staff the following year. After graduation from the Armed Forces Staff College in Mar. 1998, he reported to Commander, U.S. Space Command for duties as Liaison Officer to the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. During this tour, he

served as the Commander's direct representative to the National Missile Defense Program. In Nov. 2000, Capt. Bean reported to HS-6 at NAS North Island as Executive Officer and later assumed command in Mar. 2002. During his command tour, HS-6 conducted deployments in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. From Aug. 2003

to July 2006, Capt. Bean was assigned to the National Airborne Operations Center at Offutt AFB, where he served as an Operations Team Commander.

Capt. Bean assumed the duties as Executive Officer, USS Tarawa (LHA 1), Nov. 2006. Capt. Bean has accumulated over 3,400 flight hours. His personal awards include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (Two Awards), Navy Achievement Medal, and various campaign, unit, and sea service related awards.