

## **CDR Mark Huber**

Commander Huber was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. He was commissioned an Ensign in May, 1986 following his graduation from the University of Notre Dame. At Notre Dame he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government and International Relations. He was designated a Naval Aviator in March, 1988.

Commander Huber reported to the HS-5 Nightdippers in August, 1988 and completed one deployment to the Mediterranean and Red Seas on board the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69).

In December, 1990 he reported to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he earned a Master of Arts Degree in National Security Affairs.

In November, 1992 he reported to the HS-7 Dusty Dogs and completed a Mediterranean deployment on board the USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67).

In December, 1994 Commander Huber was assigned to Carrier Air Wing THREE (CVW-3) as ASW/CSAR Officer. While serving in CVW-3 he qualified as an Officer of the Deck Underway on board the USS Eisenhower during a deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf.

In March, 1997 Commander Huber reported to HS-5 for his department head tour. While deployed to the Persian Gulf on board USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) he concurrently served as squadron Safety Officer and Carrier Air Wing SEVEN (CVW-7) CSAR Officer. He completed his tour with HS-5 as Operations Officer.

In March, 2000 Commander Huber reported to United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida as an Air Branch Action Officer in the Operations Directorate (J3). During his last two years at USSOCOM, he served as Executive Assistant to the Director for Operations, Plans and Policy (J3/J5).

In March, 2003 he reported to the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He earned a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies one year later.

Commander Huber returned to HS-7 as Executive Officer in July, 2004 and deployed to the Persian Gulf on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). While deployed with the Truman Strike Group he flew Air Reconnaissance and Naval Special Warfare support missions over southern Iraq, earning an Air Medal. In August and September of 2005 he participated in Hurricane Katrina relief operations, contributing to the squadron's rescue and evacuation of over 500 hurricane victims. He served as Commanding Officer of HS-7 between September, 2005 and December, 2006.

Commander Huber's awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards). Commander Huber and his wife Deanne have one daughter, Kimberly.