

## **CAPT Paul Rosbolt**

### **USN, Deputy Division Chief for Requirements in J-8 Joint Staff**

Captain Rosbolt was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 6, 1957. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1978 with a B.A. in Political Science (Foreign/Middle Eastern Affairs), and was commissioned via the NROTC program. His initial sea tours were in USS WELCH (PG-93), where he served as Weapons Officer, and in USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG-27), where he served as NTDS Officer and CIC Officer.

Coming ashore in 1982, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he earned an M.S. in ASW Systems Technology (with distinction). He was also awarded the Navy League Award as the top student in his graduating class, and the CNO ASW Award as the outstanding student in the ASW curriculum. He subsequently attended SWO Department Head School, where he was awarded the Navy League Award as the top student and the Top Gunner Award as the outstanding Combat Systems student in his class.

In 1985, he reported to USS MOOSBRUGGER (DD-980) as Combat Systems Officer, where he participated in extensive Atlantic and Mediterranean ASW operations. Subsequently, he served as commissioning Combat Systems Officer in USS PRINCETON (CG-59). From 1990-1992, he served as Executive Officer in USS MOBILE BAY (CG-53). During that time the ship participated in Operation Desert Storm conducting combat operations in the Northern Persian Gulf.

From 1992 through 1994, Captain Rosbolt served on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as Requirements Officer for AAW self-defense sensors, and as Financial Coordinator for the Surface Ships and Combat Systems Branch (N865). He then attended the U.S. Naval War College, where he earned an M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies (with distinction).

Most recently, Captain Rosbolt served as Commanding Officer, USS THOMAS S. GATES (CG-51). During his tenure, the ship completed a Mediterranean deployment, won all 4 mission area excellence awards, and won the COMNAVSURFLANT Safety and Wellness awards.

Beginning in August 1998, Captain Rosbolt has been assigned to the Joint Staff, where he serves as Deputy Division Chief for Requirements in J-8.

Captain Rosbolt's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (4 awards and Combat Distinguishing Device) and the Combat Action Ribbon. He is married to the former Robin Louise Smalley, of Livonia Michigan. They reside in Springfield Va. with their three children, Liz, Kevin, and Maggie.