



COMMANDER WILLIAM ARIAS, JR.

Commander Arias accessed into the United States Navy in January 1984 from San Juan, P.R. After completing Basic Training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill, he attended Electronics Technician "A" school graduating and promoting to Petty Officer Third Class in October 1984.

After completing the Nuclear Propulsion Plant Operator pipeline, he reported to his first sea duty assignment aboard the *USS Francis Scott Key* (SSBN 657) in July 1986. While in the *Key* he qualified Submarine Warfare, Reactor Operator, Shutdown Reactor Operator and Engineering Watch Supervisor, advanced to Petty Officer First Class, served as the Reactor Controls Division Leading Petty Officer and completed 9 SSBN deterrent patrols. In September 1990, he reported as an Electronics Instructor to the Navy Nuclear Power Training Command in Orlando, Fl. While in Orlando, he promoted to Chief Petty Officer and earned a quota under the Enlisted Commissioning Program (ECP). Graduating from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with high honors in December 1995, he was commissioned an Ensign on 15 December.

After completing the SWO training pipeline, he reported to the *USS John F. Kennedy* (CV67), in September 1996. While in the *Kennedy*, he qualified Underway Officer of the Deck and Surface Warfare, served as Third Division Officer, Propulsion Forward Division Officer, Propulsion Materiel Officer and Ship's Fuels Officer, completed an Arabian Gulf deployment in support of *Operation Desert Watch* and promoted to Lieutenant. In March 2000, he reported to Afloat Training Group (ATG), Mayport as a Training Liaison Officer (TLO) and Aviation Warfare Division Officer. While at ATG, he served as TLO for multiple frigate and destroyer platforms in Mayport, Fla. and Pascagoula, Miss, including the smart-ship test bed *USS Yorktown* (CG48). Following the attack on the *USS Cole* (DDG67), he developed and implemented the Surface Navy's East Coast Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection Training Program. While at ATG, he completed a lateral transfer into the nascent Human Resources (HR) designator.

CDR Arias' accession assignment as an HR officer was duty under instruction at the Naval Postgraduate School, graduating with a MBA in Manpower Systems Analysis in September 2006. His first duty assignment was on the OPNAV staff's N122E, Manpower Analysis and Accounting Section. In 2007, he volunteered for an augmentee assignment as the J1 for Combined Joint Special Operations Task force- Arabian Peninsula, Balad, Iraq. While at OPNAV, he initially served as a manpower analyst and then the N122E Section Head.

In September 2009, he reported to Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Capabilities Development and Integration Directorate, Total Force Structure Division (TFSD) as a Navy Branch Manpower Analyst. While at TFSD, he has served as the Navy Branch Head and selected for promotion to Commander.

Awards include Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals. Commander Arias is married and has four children. Two of which are serving in the Navy as Chief Petty Officers.