

Short Bio for CAPTAIN Don Peters, USN (Retired)

Captain Don Peters was born and raised on a farm in Ohio. He enlisted in the Navy in 1966, was selected to attend Purdue University in 1969, and was commissioned an Ensign in December 1972. He spent 15 of the next 27 years serving as a Surface Warfare Officer in five ships, including Commanding Officer, USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD981), and on the staffs of Commander Carrier Group 6 and Commander, SIXTH Fleet. Ashore, Captain Peters was a Junior Officer Assignment Officer; Director, White House Liaison Office for the Secretary of the Navy (during the Reagan years); Joint Nuclear Operations and Plans Officer, Joint Staff (during GEN Colin Powell's term as Chairman); Commanding Officer, Naval Station Ingleside, Texas; attended The National War College, graduating with a Masters in National Security Strategy; and retired from the Office of the Undersecretary of the Navy in 1999, where he led the Navy's Reorganization of Shore Infrastructure.

While on Commander, Carrier Group 6 staff, he served as Project Officer for the Joint Operational Tactical System (JOTS). Known then as the Forrestal Project, it was the first successful implementation of networked intelligence, tactical data, and compartmented information intelligence to present a complete Battle Space Management System to the Battle Group Commander. JOTS became the current Global Command and Control System, which runs the White House Situation Room, the National Military Command Center, and unifies all Military Commanders worldwide.

Upon retiring from the Navy, CAPTAIN Peters joined Northrop Grumman, and was Deputy Director of the Command, Control Mission Systems division for the next five years, until 2004.

He and his wife, Jeanie, currently reside in Atlantic Beach, and they worship and serve at First Christian Church of the Beaches. He is an Elder, member of the Leadership Council, and President, Christian Men's Fellowship.