

COMMANDING OFFICER PAUL K "MOOSE" SUSALLA



Commander Susalla was born in Deckerville, Michigan. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and was commissioned June 7, 1978. He holds a M.S. degree in Management from the Naval Postgraduate School and is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College.

Commander Susalla's sea assignments include Main Propulsion Assistant, Combat Information Center Officer, Auxiliary and Electrical Officer onboard USS Tattnell (DDG 19), which included two deployments to the Persian Gulf; Operations Officer onboard USS Scott (DDG 995), which included a deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean; and Operations Officer for Commander Destroyer Squadron 26, which saw deployments to the Norwegian, Baltic, and Mediterranean Seas.

He commanded USS McCloy (FF 1038) from July 89

through December 1990. This tour included six operations in the Caribbean for Counter Drug Operations, receiving two U.S. Coast Guard Unit Citations and his squadron's Battle Efficiency "E."

Commander Susalla was then assigned to the Operations department at CINCLANTFLT as both Command Duty Officer and the Crisis Action Team Operations Officer. Commander Susalla was next assigned as a Plans Officer for Commander Naval Striking and Support Forces Southern Europe where he participated in Operation Joint Endeavor both from the flagship in the Adriatic and as Liaison Officer in Sarajevo.

His personal decorations include the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), the NATO Medal, and numerous unit commendations and citations.

Commander Susalla is married to the former Dixie Kopfler. They reside in Norfolk, Virginia.

