



**CAPTAIN ROBERT A. BUTT  
UNITED STATES NAVY**

Captain Butt was born in Jacksonville, Florida and raised in McLean, Virginia. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Systems Engineering. He completed Nuclear Propulsion training in 1977 and in 1984 he earned a Masters of Science Degree in the Weapons Systems Engineering Curriculum at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Captain Butt's sea duties include tours on USS MISSISSIPPI (CGN 40) as Ordnance Officer and Fire Control Officer, USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) as Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant, USS MOINESTER (FF 1097) as Operations Officer, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) as Reactor Controls Assistant, and USS MEYERKORD (FF 1058) as Executive Officer. From December 1994 to October 1996, Captain Butt commanded USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12), home ported in San Diego, California. From May 1997 to November 1999, Captain Butt served as Reactor Officer in USS JOHN C. STEINIS (CVN 74) home ported both in Norfolk and San Diego. During his tour, USS JOHN C. STEINIS made a record setting 11-day transit from Norfolk to the Arabian Sea averaging 29.3 knots. Captain Butt has commanded USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52) since April 2000.

Captain Butt's assignments ashore have been as a student at the Naval Nuclear Propulsion School in Orlando, Florida; the Nuclear Prototype in Ballston Spa, New York; and the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. Captain Butt served on the Joint Staff in the National Military Command Center, J-36, as Chief of the Nuclear Weapons Branch from 1992 to 1994.

Captain Butt's personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, the Navy Commendation Medal and various service and unit awards. He and his wife Rachael have three sons, Alan, Matthew, and Andrew.