



CAPTAIN J. CARL HARTSFIELD

Captain Hartsfield entered the Navy in 1990 as a Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate (NUPOC). He served aboard the USS LOS ANGELES (SSN-688) as a division officer completing one of the first 688 class refuel overhauls and shifting homeport from California to Hawaii. Captain Hartsfield's department head tour was as Navigation/Operations Officer of USS PARCHE (SSN-683). In his tour, PARCHE completed three extended missions. His Executive Officer tour was onboard USS NEVADA (SSBN-733B) and included two strategic deterrent patrols. Captain Hartsfield commanded USS NEWPORT NEWS for over 41 months deploying to EUCOM. His crew earned both the Submarine Squadron SIX Battle "E" and the Marjorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award recognizing the most battle ready ship in the Atlantic Fleet. Captain Hartsfield most recently commanded as the Commodore of Submarine Squadron 6 in Norfolk, Virginia, serving 11 fast attack submarines and nearly 1700 warfighters across Hampton Roads.

Captain Hartsfield has served ashore in the Defense Liaison Division as a technical expert, program manager, and planner. He also served ashore on the Joint Staff J-5 working extensively abroad with diplomats from over 100 nations to minimize Weapons of Mass Destruction threats under the Proliferation Security Initiative. He served as a special assistant to Commander Submarine Forces as the first Undersea Rapid Capabilities Initiative (URCI) Program Manager where he rapidly transitioned several unmanned systems to the fleet including the Fleet Modular Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (FMAUV). Captain Hartsfield also served at US Strategic Command in Omaha Nebraska as Executive Officer to the Combatant Commander.

Captain Hartsfield is a master's graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology / Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Joint Program in Ocean Sciences. His research focused on autonomous underwater vehicles and their applications. During his ocean engineering study, Captain Hartsfield deployed with the research vessel USNS Pathfinder in 2005.

Captain Hartsfield has received several awards and decorations to include the Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood Award for submarine professional excellence and the Rear Admiral Jack N. Darby Award for inspirational leadership and excellence of command.

Captain Hartsfield is married to the former Leigh Ann Wheatley, a professional photographer.