

CAPTAIN KEVIN R. BRENTON
Commander, Submarine Squadron 20

Captain Kevin R. Brenton was born and raised in Southport, Connecticut and is a 1985 honor graduate of the University of Notre Dame earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. His continuing education includes a 1997 Masters Degree in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, and a 2002 Masters of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College.



Captain Brenton completed the nuclear power training pipeline and in 1986 reported to USS JACKSONVILLE (SSN 699) where he served as a division officer, the Weapons Officer, and as Engineering Officer of the Watch for CNO Shock Trials. He subsequently served as Engineer Officer and Weapons Officer on USS OLYMPIA (SSN 717) and Executive Officer on USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730). During these tours he made three deployments and three strategic deterrent patrols. His shore tours during this time included serving as Flag Lieutenant to the Director of Navy Research Development Test and Evaluation (N-091) in the Pentagon and as Executive Assistant to Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Captain Brenton proudly Commanded USS PORTSMOUTH (SSN 707) from 2003 to 2005. During this tour PORTSMOUTH made a Western Pacific deployment earning a Meritorious Unit Citation and executed a short notice change of homeport for inactivation. In 2005 CAPT Brenton was privileged to take command of USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711) following its grounding, and executed an historic 6,038 nautical mile surface transit and homeport change from Guam to Bremerton, WA to accomplish permanent ship repairs.

Captain Brenton has served as the Deputy Nuclear Propulsion Program Manager on the OPNAV staff, and as the Division Chief responsible for Political Military Affairs for Western Europe and the Balkans on the Joint Staff Strategy and Policy Directorate (J-5)

As a result of the outstanding individuals and teams on which he has served, Captain Brenton is honored to wear the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (5 awards), Navy Expeditionary Medal and the Battle Efficiency Ribbon, in addition to other unit and service awards.

He is married to Captain Rebecca E. Brenton, of Fairfax, Virginia, and they have a twenty-year-old son, Cutter.