



**REAR ADMIRAL PETER FANTA
DIRECTOR, SURFACE WARFARE (N96)**

A native of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, Rear Admiral Peter Fanta graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1983.

Fanta's operational tours include: commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 5, commander, Amphibious Squadron 2 and Bataan Expeditionary Strike Group; command of USS Rushmore (LSD 47) and USS Falcon (MHC 59), combat systems and weapons officer for USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53); chief engineer on USS Pegasus (PHM 1); and 1st lieutenant and damage control assistant on USS Coontz (DDG 40).

Fanta's shore tours include: deputy director for Resources and Acquisition (J8); director, Ballistic Missile Defense and Combat Systems Integration, Surface Warfare Division (N86F); executive assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller); senior fellow, Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group; chief, Programming and Budget Joint Staff (J8); chief, Programming Branch, Navy (OPNAV N8); chief, Programming Branch, Naval Personnel (OPNAV N12); Surface Warfare assignments officer, Bureau of Personnel and gas turbine engineering instructor, Navy Surface Warfare School.

Fanta holds a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University, and a Master of Science in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), and various campaign and unit decoration.