



COMMANDING OFFICER



Gisele M. Bonitz
Captain, U.S. Navy

Capt. Gisele M. Bonitz was the executive officer of Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific from June 2014 until fleeing up to assume command in January 2017. Prior to this duty she was the executive assistant and chief of staff of Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command.

A native of Nicaragua, Bonitz graduated from the University of California, Berkeley and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Program. She holds a Master of Science in Space Systems Operations from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the Air War College.

Bonitz has served as watch officer for Naval Facility Bermuda, the intelligence officer of Commander Undersea Surveillance, Pacific in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and as assistant officer in charge of the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Detachment Lakehurst in Lakehurst, New Jersey. She also served as the enlisted programs officer for Navy Recruiting District San Francisco in Oakland, California. She led 250 recruiters with 56 recruiting stations across two states.

In 2003, Bonitz was selected as the chief of Information Assurance for Combined Joint Task Force Seven in Baghdad, Iraq. Upon her return in 2004, she assumed the duties of deputy of the Innovations and Experimentation Directorate at Commander, 3rd Fleet.

At the end of 2004, Bonitz reported to Expeditionary Strike Group One as assistant chief of staff for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Information (C4I). Following her sea tour, she assumed the duties of East Coast Aircraft Carriers C4I Installation assistant program manager for the Program Executive Office for C4I in San Diego, California.

In 2008, Bonitz reported to the United States Strategic Command (STRATCOM) as the new Information Operations Joint Munitions Effectiveness Manual program manager and the Computer Network Defense and Information Assurance branch chief. Following that assignment, she was selected as deputy, Cyberspace and C2 Requirements Division. At the end of 2009, she was selected as the Information Technology program manager for the design of STRATCOM's new headquarter building.

Bonitz is a member of the Navy's Information Warfare Community, Information Professional Community, the Space Cadre, and the Defense Department Acquisition Corps. Her personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Medal, four Commendation Medals, and two Navy Achievement Medals.

