ZINK CENTER FOR COMPETITIVE INNOVATION

The Zink Center Leadership Seminar Series

"Designing and Building the USS Oklahoma Nuclear Submarine"



Captain Aaron Stutzman

CAPT Aaron Stutzman received a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University in 2003 prior to being commissioned at the Naval Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL. CAPT Stutzman served from 2005 to 2008 onboard USS PASADENA (SSN 752) where he completed two Western Pacific deployments, an Eastern Pacific deployment, and a CNO availability. He served as Operations Officer onboard USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737) (BLUE) from July 2012 to August 2013 and then split toured to USS OHIO (SSGN 726) (GOLD) serving as Combat Systems Officer from August 2013 to January 2016 completing two certifications for Western Pacific deployments and two major maintenance periods. He served as Executive Officer onboard USS JACKSONVILLE (SSN 699) from July 2017 to January 2019 where the ship earned the COMSUBRON ONE Battle Efficiency "E" award, Personnel White "P," and Weapons White "W" for 2017.

CAPT Stutzman's shore assignments include shift engineer at the MARF prototype where he also completed a master's degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. At the United States Naval War College post-department head, he earned a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies and graduated as a Gravely Fellow. Post-Executive Officer he served as the Deputy for Strategic Forces and Nuclear Weapons at Submarine Group 9. Prior to his command tour CAPT Stutzman served as the Material Deputy at COMSUBRONFIFTEEN in Guam. CAPT Stutzman also holds a Doctorate of Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership from Creighton University. CAPT Stutzman is the first commanding officer of PCU OKLAHOMA (SSN 802) being constructed in Newport News, VA.
CAPT Stutzman, his wife Sabrina, and 3 boys (AJ, Brayden, and Gavin) call their farm in Easton, NY home.

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Reception 5:00-5:45pm (ES 133)
Seminar 6:00 - 7:15pm (ES 140)

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