

**COMMANDER JOHN WILLIAMS
COMMANDING OFFICER
TRANSIENT PERSONNEL UNIT NORFOLK**

A native of Thomasville, N.C., Commander John Williams enlisted in the Navy in May 1988 and later received his commission through the NROTC program at George Washington University in Washington, DC.

After completion of boot camp at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill., in July 1988, Williams reported to the USS LA SALLE (AGF 3), home ported in Manama, Bahrain. After detaching from the USS LA SALLE in July 1989, Williams reported to Naval Technical Training Center in Meridian, Miss., for Yeoman "A" School. After graduating Yeoman "A" School, he transferred and reported to the USS OKINAWA (LPH 3) home ported in San Diego, Calif.

While onboard, he spent 10 months on deployment in support of Operations Desert Shield/Storm before returning to San Diego in April 1991. After detaching from the USS OKINAWA in 1992, Williams reported to Director, Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Headquarters in Washington DC. In 1995, he detached from NCIS Headquarters and reported to the NCIS Field Office in Souda Bay, Greece.

Williams applied and was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program (ECP) in 1996. After detaching NCIS in Greece, he reported to the George Washington University NROTC Unit. In 1998, he graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park (UMCP), earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. He reported to Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS) in Newport, R.I., in February 1999.

Williams reported to the USS BRIDGE (AOE 10) in Bremerton, Wash., in 1999 as the Electrical Officer. Onboard the USS BRIDGE, Williams earned designations as Surface Warfare Officer, Officer of the Deck U/W, Command Duty Officer, Engineering Officer of the Watch, Combat Information Center Watch Officer, and Engineering Duty Officer. Williams detached from the USS BRIDGE in April 2001 and reported to the USS GONZALEZ (DDG 66) as the Fire Control Officer. Williams later reported to Navy Recruiting District (NRD) Raleigh.

During his tenure at NRD Raleigh, Williams served as the Officer and Enlisted Programs Officer, overseeing all Navy Active and Reserve Officer and Enlisted recruiting efforts in North and South Carolina. He departed from NRD Raleigh in 2006 and reported to Old Dominion University to pursue a master's degree in Educational Leadership. Williams later reported to Commander, Navy Recruiting Command, Training and Quality Assurance (Code N7) in Millington, Tenn., as the Field Training Officer.

In January 2010, Williams reported to the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71), home ported in Norfolk, Va., as the Training Officer and detached in May 2012. He reported to Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads as the Executive Officer in May 2012. He reported to TPU Norfolk to assume command in July 2015. Williams' personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (six awards), and Combat Action Ribbon.

