Captain Howard B. Markle

A native of Pennsylvania, CAPT Howard B. Markle enlisted in the Navy in 1986. He served as a nuclear trained Electronics Technician until his commission through an enlisted commissioning program in 1993.

His education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nuclear Engineering from Pennsylvania State University; a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering, a Mechanical Engineer Degree, and Total Ship Systems Engineering Program from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. He holds a Professional Engineers License in Mechanical Engineering from California.

CAPT Markle's afloat tours included assignments to the guided missile frigate, USS *Klakring* (FFG-42) where he qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer and completed operational deployments to Haiti and two Sixth Fleet Deployments supporting Operations Support Democracy, Able Vigil, Deny Flight and Sharp Guard; the nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine USS *Henry M. Jackson* (SSBN 730) where he earned his submarine dolphins; and on the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69) where he served as Chief Engineer during two Fifth Fleet Deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He also completed a tour as an Individual Augmentee in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to the Multi-National Corps-Iraq Headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq.

Ashore CAPT Markle served at Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic, Dam Neck, Virginia as the division officer for Gunnery and Fire Control Divisions and as an instructor in the Tomahawk Watch Officer and Cruise Missile Command Course. His Engineering Duty Officer assignments include Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility where he served as a Project Superintendent, Deputy Project Superintendent, Ship Safety Officer, Work Integration Leader and Shipyard Docking Officer during maintenance availabilities onboard the nuclearpowered attack submarines USS Columbia (SSN 771), USS Buffalo (SSN 715) and USS Key West (SSN 722). CAPT Markle then transferred to Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command where he served as the Director, Shipyard Availability Performance Branch Shipyard Operations Division in SEA 04 and Factory Manager in PMS 392, Submarine In-Service Program Office. Additionally, he was assigned to Norfolk Naval Shipyard as the Deputy Operations Officer and Deputy Project Superintendent on nuclear-powered aircraft carriers USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). CAPT Markle has also served on the staff of United States Fleet Forces Command as the Carrier and Submarine Maintenance Officer within the Fleet Maintenance Directorate (N43). Prior to reporting to his current assignment he was assigned to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard where he served as the Production Resources Officer and Operations Officer.

He has served on teams that have been awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Coast Guard Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and Battle Efficiency E Awards.