



CAPT Ronald L. Ravelo
Commanding Officer



Captain Ravelo hails from San Diego, CA. He is a 1987 graduate of the University of Southern California, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering through the NROTC program. Upon graduation and commissioning he reported to NAS Pensacola to commence flight training and was subsequently designated an unrestricted naval aviator in September 1989.

Captain Ravelo has proudly served with the Chargers of HS-14 in all of his fleet aviation tours, eventually commanding the squadron from 2005 to 2007. As a Charger he flew the SH-3H in USS RANGER (CV 61) and the SH-60F/HH-60H in USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63). During his tours with the Chargers he participated in OPERATION DESERT STORM, OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, and OPERATION RESTORE HOPE. During his command tour the squadron established the first helicopter detachment in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, PHILIPPINES and JTF-510/515.

His shore assignments include Instructor Pilot in HS-10, Flag Lieutenant to the Commander, U. S. FIFTH Fleet, Helicopter Shore Assignments Officer in the Bureau of Naval Personnel (Pers-43), and Maritime Division Chief on the staff of North American Aerospace Defense Command. He is a distinguished graduate of the University of Redlands, earning a Master of Arts in Management, and is a graduate of the Naval War College where he earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. Captain Ravelo also completed advanced studies in National Preparedness Leadership through the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and the Harvard School of Public Health.

Captain Ravelo was selected to the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program in October 2006 and completed his tour as Executive Officer of USS RONALD REAGAN in November 2010. Captain Ravelo assumed command of USS COMSTOCK in February 2013.

Captain Ravelo's personal awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and Navy Achievement Medal. He was awarded the 2007 Commander, Naval Air Forces Navy and Marine Association Outstanding Leadership Award for his tour as CO of the Chargers.