Captain Paul C. de Marcellus, USN Commanding Officer, Professor of Naval Science NROTC Rutgers – Princeton

Captain Paul de Marcellus is a native of Palm Beach, Florida. He graduated from Cornell University in 1994, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science. In 2009, he graduated with distinction from the Naval War College with a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Captain Paul de Marcellus operational assignments, in both the CH-46D Sea Knight and the MH-60S Knighthawk helicopters, include Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Six (HC-6) and Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Two Two (HSC-22) in Norfolk, Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Five (HC-5) in Guam,



Helicopter Sea Combat Squadrons Two One (HSC-21) and Two Three (HSC-23) in San Diego, and the 2515th Naval Air Ambulance Detachment in Kuwait where he supported the U.S. Army Medevac mission.

His shore assignments include tours as a flight instructor with Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Three (HC-3), watch officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency, and Executive Assistant to the Executive Director and Chief of Staff of U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF). Captain de Marcellus recently returned from his last assignment to the United States Embassy, Lisbon, where he served as the United States Naval Attaché to Portugal.

His first command tour was with the Sea Knights of HSC-22 and he currently serves as the Commanding Officer of the Black Dragons of NROTC Unit Rutgers/Princeton.

He is a graduate of the Seahawk Weapons and Tactics Course and a two-time winner of the Navy Marine Corps Association Leadership award. His other awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Portugal's Order of Military Merit (1st Class) and numerous other unit, campaign and service awards. Captain de Marcellus, his wife Susan, and their seven children are currently reside in Hopewell, New Jersey.