

Commander Robert S. Gerosa, Jr.

United States Navy

74th Commanding Officer

USS Constitution



Commander Gerosa was born and raised in New Rochelle, New York. He is a 1990 graduate of Iona Preparatory School and graduated from Providence College in May 1994 with a Bachelor's Degree in History. He was selected to attend Naval Officer Candidate School and upon completion was commissioned an Ensign in September 1997.

He was first assigned to USS *Nassau* (LHA-4) from 1998 to 2000 as the main propulsion division officer and electrical officer. During his tenure, *Nassau* deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and supported NATO operations during the Kosovo Campaign. In May 2000, Commander Gerosa transferred to the guided-missile destroyer USS *Ramage* (DDG-61) as the combat information center officer and assistant operations officer. Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks *Ramage* was the first ship in the Atlantic Fleet to sortie off the East Coast of the United States to provide extended radar coverage for Washington D.C. and New York City. *Ramage* went on to deploy overseas in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

In March 2003 he was selected as a lieutenant to attend the United States Naval War College in Newport, R.I. He graduated in June 2004 where he was awarded a Masters of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. In March 2005 he reported to USS *Whidbey Island* (LSD-41) as the first lieutenant. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, *Whidbey Island* became part of Task Force Katrina and conducted Humanitarian and Disaster Relief assistance in the Gulf States. In July 2006, he transferred to Amphibious Squadron Two/*Bataan* Expeditionary Strike Group as the staff operations officer/N3. He also served as the amphibious staff officer for CTF 51/59 at NAVCENT.

Commander Gerosa's shore assignments include: director operations and support for the Naval War College International Programs, aide-de-camp for the director of Expeditionary Warfare OPNAV Staff, in-service amphibious ships resource officer, and Expeditionary Warfare lead instructor at Surface Warfare Officers School.

In August 2015, Commander Gerosa assumed command of USS *Constitution*, America's Ship of State, as the ship's 74th Commanding Officer.

Commander Gerosa has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards) and various other service and campaign awards.