

## **CAPTAIN HEIDEMARIE M. STEFANYSHYN-PIPER, USN**

Captain Stefanyshyn-Piper was born in St. Paul, MN, where she graduated from Derham Hall High School in 1980. She attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology on a Navy ROTC scholarship, where she received a B. S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1984 and a M. S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1985. She was commissioned an Ensign in the Engineering Duty Officer Community in 1985.



As an Engineering Duty Officer, Captain Piper served at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Pearl Harbor, Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and Naval Sea Systems Command Supervisor of Salvage and Diving. She completed Engineering Duty Officer Basic Course in 1988, receiving the VADM Bryant Award. She qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer onboard USS GRAPPLE (ARS 53). She is also a qualified and experienced diving and salvage officer. Major salvage projects include the development of salvage plan for the Peruvian Navy salvage of the Peruvian submarine PACOCHA; and the de-stranding of the tanker EXXON HOUSTON, off Barber's Point, Oahu, Hawaii.

Selected as an astronaut by NASA in 1996, Captain Piper reported to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. A veteran of two space flights, STS-115 in 2006, and STS-126 in 2008, she has logged over 27 days and 15 hours in space, including 33 hours and 42 minutes of Extra-Vehicular Activity (EVA) in 5 space walks.

In August 2009, Captain Piper reported to the Naval Sea Systems Command as Naval Systems Engineering Chief Technology Officer.

Captain Piper's personal decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (2 awards) and NASA Space Flight Medal (2 awards).

Captain Piper is married to Glenn Piper, LCDR USN (ret), retired Engineering Duty Officer and Navy diver. They have one son, Michael.

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