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LIEUTENANT COMMANDER BOB FABIEN ZINGA
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LCDR Bob Zinga a resident of San Jose, CA is a graduate of the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) in Adelphi, MD, where he earned a Master of Science degree in Management: Naval Operations & National Security. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry: Biology from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL.

He started his Naval career in 2004 in the Reserve as a Seaman Apprentice at the Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. In 2007, Information Technician Seaman Zinga was promoted to Information Technician Petty Officer Third Class at NOSC Bessemer, AL. Later the same year, he received his naval commission at Direct Commission Officer School in Newport, RI.

He holds a Graduate Certificate in Knowledge Superiority from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, a Diploma in Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) from the Naval War College, Newport, RI, and a DAWIA Information Technology Level I certification from the Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, VA. He is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from UMUC and a professional CIO certificate from the National Defense University, Fort McNair, DC. LCDR Zinga holds several technical certifications including Project Management Professional (PMP®), Certified Information Systems Security Management Professional (CISSP®-ISSMP®), Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer: SECURITY (MCSE:SECURITY), VMware Certified Professional (VCP), and Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH)- to name a few.



After completing the IP Basic Course at CID Pensacola in 2008, Lieutenant Junior Grade Zinga was temporarily assigned to NCTAMS LANT, where he qualified as Information Professional Officer (Basic qualification, AQD GA1). In 2009, He served as the CTF 76 Knowledge Management Team Lead for Talisman Saber 2009, a biannual training exercise, designed to train Coalition Forces in planning and executing Combined Task Force operations to sustain combat readiness and interoperability.

From March 2008 to February 2011, LTJG Zinga served as the N7 Department Head for Amphibious Squadron Four Detachment 409 at NOSC Bessemer. He earned his qualification as an Information Warfare Officer, becoming a “plank owner” in the newly stood up Information Warfare Community, formerly known as the Information Dominance Corps, in October 2010. He performed his duties in a professional and highly exceptional manner while

filling a billet typically assigned to a more senior officer. He developed an integrated training plan that trained more than 50 unit personnel on 30 separate topics and resulted in his unit achieving a 100% training achievement rate.

In March 2011, LTJG Zinga was transferred to the OSU unit, NOSC San Jose where he served as the Executive Assistant until his promotion to LT on 01OCT2011. From 2011 to 2014, LT Zinga qualified as Information Professional Officer (Intermediate qualification, AQD GA2) at the Naval Postgraduate School and earned JPME Phase I credit at the Naval War College at Monterey (AQD JS7).

Upon his next assignment as the N7 Department Head for NR SPAWAR 220, NOSC San Jose, CA in April 2014, LT Zinga increased unit GMT compliance from 49% to 96% by the end of FY-14, and eventually to 100% by the end of FY-15. While assigned to NR SPAWAR 220, LT Zinga worked as an Evolution Team Lead, OIC equivalent, for five SPAWAR Reserve Programs (SRP): Network Operational Support Team (NST), NST Virtualization (NSTv), Computer Network Defense (CND), Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC), and Configuration Validation (CONVAL). Specific achievements include: leading up to 20 SRP sailors to deliver nearly 3,600 man hours of training to 102 Fleet sailors across 23 commands. Planning required over 130 hours across multiple commands and saved the Navy over \$35K in transportation and berthing costs. His leadership resulted in qualifying 25 technical instructors, 71 VMware Certified Associates (VCAs), 3 VMware Certified Professionals (VCPs), and 7 CompTIA Security+ certified professional for a savings of over \$400K versus the equivalent commercial training.

Upon his selection to promote to the pay grade of Lieutenant Commander in July 2015, LCDR(Sel) Zinga was hand selected to help lead the SRP CND program as the Deputy Program Manager. Upon his promotion to LCDR in July 2016, he began grooming to take over as the SPAWAR Reserve Program Manager, a CO equivalent billet, for both the CND and CCDC programs in November 2016. In September 2016, LCDR Zinga was awarded Subspecialty Code (SSC) 6208S: Cyber Systems & Operations based on significant military and civilian cyber experience.

Personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Service Medal.

In addition to his reserve commitments, LCDR Zinga worked as the Campus Liaison Officer and Senior Information Systems Security Engineer for the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa until February 2011. He then served as the Director for Cybersecurity & Privacy for the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center at the Presidio of Monterey, Monterey, CA until March 2014. Later that year, he moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to accept a position as the Senior Information Security Engineer for Pivotal Software Inc., the global leader at the intersection of big data, Paas, and agile development based in Palo Alto, CA. Since June 2016, LCDR Zinga works as an Information Security Manager for Groupon, Palo Alto, CA (NASDAQ: GRPN), the global leader of hyper-local commerce, offering consumers a vast mobile and online marketplace to discover and save on unbeatable local deals worldwide.

LCDR Zinga is a board member of Central YMCA in San Jose, the capital of Silicon Valley, CA where he lives with his wife Demetria, two daughters, and exuberant Shih Tzu.