

# Commander Panagiotis Katopodis HN

## Commanding Officer FG SPETSAI



Commander Panagiotis Katopodis HN, has been appointed as Commanding Officer (CO) of HS SPETSAI, since August 2019.

He was born in Athens in 1975. He graduated from the Hellenic Naval Academy in 1997 as an Ensign (graduation rank 1<sup>st</sup>).

Since then, he has served on board MEKO Class Frigates, Fast Attack Crafts (Super Vita & Combattante-III Class), in various divisions, including tours as Department Head in Operations, Weapons and Electronic Systems Engineering, as well as Executive Officer (XO). He was appointed, as Commanding Officer (CO) of Super Vita Class Fast Attack Craft HS ROUSSEN from 2013 to 2015.

His various ashore assignments include:

Hellenic Naval Academy, as instructor in the Directorate of Naval Education.

Hellenic Navy General Staff, as staff officer in the Plans & Policy Directorate (NATO-EU Relations, International Relations).

Hellenic National Defence General Staff, as staff officer in the Executive Office of the Chief of Defense.

Commander Panagiotis Katopodis HN is a graduate of the Naval Post Graduate School (Monterey, CA USA), where he acquired two Master of Science Degrees: "M.Sc. in Electrical & Computer Engineering" and "M.Sc. in Applied Physics" (Weapon Systems Engineering).

He has been awarded with all medals and commendations provided by his rank and the posts he has served.

He speaks English fluently (Cambridge University Certificate of Proficiency).

He is married and a father of two children.