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USS Black Hawk holds change of command

Lt. Cmdr. Mark Kesselring relieved Cmdr. Patrick Huete of command of USS Black Hawk (MHC 58) on May 8, while the ship was in Little Creek, Va.

Lt. Cmdr. Kesselring earned his commission from the University of Colorado Navy ROTC program. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and a masters of science in applied physics from the Naval Post Graduate School.

His previous assignments include combat information center officer on board USS San Bernardino (LST 1189) and chief engineer on board USS Vandegrift (FFG 48).

Cmdr. Huete's next assignment will be in the Surface Warfare Directorate (OPNAV N76) of the Chief of Naval Operations staff in Washington, D.C.

USS Black Hawk's homeport is Ingleside, Texas. Black Hawk is currently on a six-month deployment in the Western Atlantic.

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