

**CAPTAIN  
EDWARD F. MESSINA**

Captain Edward F. Messina was born in 1940 in Somerville, Massachusetts, and grew up in North Miami, Florida. He joined the Navy in 1958 and served as a Terrier Missile Technician in **USS SPRINGFIELD (CLG7)** homeported in Villefranche Sur Mer, France until his selection as a candidate for the Naval Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) in 1962. He attended the University of North Carolina, graduating in 1966 with Bachelor Degrees in Mathematics and French. He was commissioned an Ensign upon completion of Officer Candidate School in December 1966.

After commissioning, he served in **USS BOSTON (CAG1)** first as Missile Repair Officer and later as Assistant Navigator. In April 1969 he reported to **USS LUCE (DLG 7)** as Fire Control Officer. From May 1970 to May 1971 he served on the staff of Naval Forces Vietnam. After Italian language study at the Foreign Service Institute he served from September 1971 to January 1974 with the Italian Navy as Officer in Charge of Personnel Exchange Program Detachment, Taranto, Italy. He graduated from the Extension Division of the University of Arkansas with a Master of Arts degree in International Relations in 1973.

In September 1974, Captain Messina graduated from Naval Destroyer School and reported to **USS BELKNAP (CG 26)** as Weapons Officer. From May 1976 to September 1977 he served as Weapons Officer in **USS HARRY E. YARNELL (CG 17)**. Following graduation from the French Language course at the Defense Language Institute, Captain Messina attended the French Naval War College, Paris, France from September 1978 to December 1979.

Captain Messina served as Executive Officer in **USS JOUETT (CG 29)** from March 1980 to September 1981. In October 1981, he reported to the Precommissioning Detail, **USS NEW JERSEY (BB 62)**, serving as Weapons Officer until June 1984.

Captain Messina commanded **USS HAYLER (DD 997)** from May 1985 to June 1987, circumnavigating South America as Flagship for U.S. Commander South Atlantic Force during UNITAS XXVII. Captain Messina graduated from Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island in June 1988 with a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. He graduated from Salve Regina University with a Master of Science in Management in June 1988. Captain Messina served as Assistant Chief of Staff for Readiness Assessment and Training Policy (N6) in the Staff of Commander, Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet from July 1988 to April 1991. Captain Messina assumed command of **USS TICONDEROGA (CG 47)** in June 1991.

Captain Messina's personal decorations include the Bronze Star with Combat "V", the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" and gold star, and the Combat Action Ribbon.



Captain Messina is married to the former Josette Sebastiani of Nice, France. They have a son Pascal, and reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



Pinning on one of the sixteen surface warfare officer pins that was earned during the deployment.



Christmas Party in Abu Dhabi.

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Keeping a watchful eye on the bridge.

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER STEVEN C. MILLER



## BIOGRAPHY

Lieutenant Commander Steven C. Miller, originally from Joplin, Missouri, received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Naval Academy in 1979.

Upon commissioning, Lieutenant Commander Miller served in **USS GOLDSBOROUGH (DDG 20)** as Communications Officer, Auxiliaries Officer, and Damage Control Assistant. Following his Division Officer tours in **USS GOLDSBOROUGH**, Lieutenant Commander Miller was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as Executive Secretary for Joint Chiefs of Staff Affairs. Lieutenant Commander

Miller later served as Operations Officer in **USS BARBEY (FF 1088)** and as the commissioning Operations Officer in **USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57)**.

Lieutenant Commander Miller reported as Executive Officer in **USS TICONDEROGA (CG 47)** in May 1990 and served during two deployments in Operation DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. He reported as Flag Secretary to Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet in April 1992.

Personal decorations worn by Lieutenant Commander Miller are the Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star in lieu of fourth award and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Lieutenant Commander Miller and his wife, Nicole F. J. Toesca, reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

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LCDR Bernard L. Jackson was born in Macon, Georgia. He was commissioned in December 1978 via the Naval ROTC program upon graduation from Savannah State College with a BS in Chemistry.

His first assignment was as Gunnery Officer and Damage Control Assistant on board **USS EL PASO (LKA-117)**. During his tour, **EL PASO** completed an extensive overhaul and conducted a major deployment to the Indian Ocean.

In August of 1982, LCDR Jackson was assigned to the Naval ROTC Unit, Savannah State College, where in addition to performing duties as Recruiting Officer/Sophomore Instructor obtained a BS in Mathematics.

In November 1985, LCDR Jackson was assigned to **USS CONNOLE (FF-1056)** as Engineering Officer until October 1987. During his tour, **CONNOLE** completed a major deployment and won the Battle "E".

In October 1987, LCDR Jackson was assigned to **USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG-27)** as Engineering Officer until October 1989. During his tour, **JOSEPHUS DANIELS** completed a major deployment to the Persian Gulf, won the Battle "E" and was the recipient of the Arleigh Burke Award as the most improved surface combatant.

Subsequently, LCDR Jackson served on the staff of COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT from October 1989 until November 1991. During his tour, CCDG-8 participated in several operations, including Operation DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM while embarked on **USS SARATOGA (CV-60)**.

LCDR Jackson's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy Achievement Medal and various service medals and unit awards.

LCDR Jackson is married to the former Cassandra Gale Pryor of Macon, Georgia. They have two children, Nichole and Anthony.