

# Captain Deborah A. Loewer, USN Prospective Commanding Officer, USS CAMDEN (AOE-2)



Captain Loewer is a native of Springfield, Ohio. Her academic credentials include degrees in Theoretical Mathematics and Computer Science from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and a PhD in International Law from the University of Kiel in Kiel, Germany.

CAPT Loewer graduated from Officer Candidate School and was commissioned an Ensign on December 17, 1976. She reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel (PERS-3) in Washington, DC and performed duties as the Navy's Pay and Allowance Functional Manager until March 1979. Selected as one of the first women assigned to shipboard duty, she attended Surface Warfare Officer Basic Course from April to June 1979, where she graduated first in her class. She reported to USS YOSEMITE (AD-19) and served as Electrical Division Officer, Operations Officer, Navigator and Admin Officer.

While permanently assigned to USS YOSEMITE, CAPT Loewer served for several months on the staff of Commander, Naval Surface Force, Atlantic, as design architect for shipboard computer systems and the project officer for the maintenance management "port concept" tracking system. In November 1982, she returned to Washington, DC for her next assignment as a telecommunications design engineer in the Decisions Support Systems Division (NMPC 164) at the Naval Military Personnel Command.

Following selection as an Olmsted Scholar, CAPT Loewer attended the Defense Lan-

guage Institute in Monterey, California, from January to June 1984, and the Goethe Institute in Stuttgart, Germany from July to September 1984. After graduation from the Goethe Institute, she commenced her studies at the University of Kiel in Kiel, Germany, and received her PhD in International Law in October 1986. Upon returning to the United States, she attended Surface Warfare Officer Department Head Course, again graduating first in her class. CAPT Loewer reported to USS YELLOWSTONE (AD-41) in July 1987, and served as Engineer and Executive Officer. In February 1990, she reported to USS MONONGAHELA (AO-178) and served as Executive Officer. In October 1991, CAPT Loewer returned to Washington, DC, for duty on the Navy Staff as a long range strategic planner and United Nations action officer in the Strategic Concepts Branch (N513). From November 1993 to August 1995, she commanded the USS MOUNT BAKER (AE-34). Returning to duty in Washington, DC, CAPT Loewer served as the Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense from August 1995 to January 1997, and as the the Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense from January 1997 to July 1998. On 7 December 1998, CAPT Loewer assumed command of USS CAMDEN (AOE-2).

CAPT Loewer's personal awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (two awards), Navy Unit Commendation (two awards), Navy "E" Ribbon (two awards), National Defense Service Medal, the NATO Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (two awards) and the Coast Guard Special Operations Ribbon.

CAPT Loewer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Carl Loewer, who reside in their hometown of Springfield, Ohio.