

Commanding Officer

**COMMANDER
RANDALL G. BOWDISH
UNITED STATES NAVY**

Commander Bowdish graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln in 1981, earning a B.A. in Psychology. From 1982 to 1985, Commander Bowdish served as Damage Control Assistant in **USS RATHBURNE (FF 1057)**. After his initial sea tour, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School, where he earned a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. Sea tours as Engineering Officer in **USS HAROLD E. HOLT (FF 1074)**, and Material Officer for Commander, Destroyer Squadron 35 followed. While attached to DESRON 35 embarked in **USS LEFTWICH (DD 984)**, he participated in Operations **DESERT SHIELD** and **DESERT STORM**. From 1992 to 1994, Commander Bowdish was assigned to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command as a Deputy Program Manager for Afloat Cryptologic Systems.

After earning an M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 1995, he reported to **USS HAWES (FFG 53)** as Executive Officer. During Mediterranean Deployment 95-2 with the Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group, he participated in Operation **SHARPGUARD** and Black Sea Operations, including the first-ever visit by an U.S. Navy warship to the Republic of Georgia.

Commander Bowdish was a Federal Executive Fellow at RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California, from 1996 to 1997. Upon completion of his fellowship, he served as a Strategic Planner in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Strategy and Concepts Branch (N513), until 1999. His most recent assignment was a Legislative Fellow in the Office of Congressman Ike Skelton.

His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (five awards, one with Combat "V"), the Navy Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.



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