

COMMANDING OFFICER

CDR Thomas Mather Hayes was born in Pensacola, Florida. He graduated from Walsh College, in Canton, Ohio in 1970 and was commissioned upon completion of Reserve Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island, in November 1970.

He has served at sea with deployments to Vietnam, the Western Pacific, Mediterranean, Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean, and Northern Europe. CDR Hayes' first assignment was aboard USS PAUL REVERE (LPA 248), where he served as Radio Officer and then Communications Officer until May 1974. After graduation from the U.S. Naval Destroyer School, he served on USS BIGELOW (DD 942) as Operations Officer. In November 1976, he was transferred to USS NEWPORT (LST 1179) as First Lieutenant.

A shore tour followed at Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he received his Master of Science Degree in Engineering Sciences in June 1981.

CDR Hayes returned to sea duty as Communications Officer on USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) until December 1982 and was subsequently assigned as Executive Officer of USS MCINERNEY (FFG 7). Upon completion of this tour in December 1984, he was transferred to London, England as an exchange officer with the Royal Navy at the Ministry of Defense as a Communications Plans and NATO Interoperability Officer.

He again returned to sea duty in August 1987 aboard USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC 20) as Operations Officer. Following this tour, he was transferred to the staff of Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet as the Command, Control, Communications and Tactical Navigation Officer from May 1989 to January 1991.

CDR Hayes' decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, Battle "E" Ribbon, National Defense Ribbon with Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

CDR Hayes is married to the former Sharon Kay Saylor of Canal Fulton, Ohio. They have two children, Robert and Kimberly. They currently reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



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