



COMMANDER JAY A. KADOWAKI
United States Navy

CDR Kadowaki was commissioned in 1986 following graduation with a degree in Economics from the United States Naval Academy.

Following Division Officer School in Newport Rhode Island, he reported to the SIXTH Fleet Flagship USS BELKNAP (CG 26) in Gaeta, Italy. From 1987 to 1989, CDR Kadowaki served in the Engineering & Operations Departments. Upon completion of his assignment in Europe, he reported to Key West Florida as Chief Engineer in USS GEMINI (PHM-6) conducting drug interdiction operations throughout the Caribbean until 1991.

Following CDR Kadowaki's division officer tours, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey California earning an Information Technology Management Masters Degree in 1994.

From 1995 through 1998, CDR Kadowaki served as Chief Engineer in USS NICHOLSON (DD 982) homeported in Charleston South Carolina then Norfolk Virginia and USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52) in Yokosuka Japan.

CDR Kadowaki remained in Yokosuka for his next assignment in CARRIER GROUP FIVE as Strike Officer, where he deployed in USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) and USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63).

In 2000, CDR Kadowaki reported as Executive Officer in USS ARCTIC (AOE 8) homeported in Earle New Jersey, where he deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM as part of the ENTERPRISE Battle Group.

CDR Kadowaki next served from 2002 to 2004 as a Sea Shield and Warfare Integration Analyst for N70 on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in the Pentagon. In addition, during this tour he was called upon as an Individual Augmentee (IA) to serve for six months as Director, Coalition Coordination Center on the FIFTH Fleet staff.

CDR Kadowaki last served as Commanding Officer of Mobile Security Squadron THREE (MSS-3), comprised of more than 600 sailors and seven detachments, in San Diego from 2005 to 2007, which conducted Expeditionary Security in support of Operations VIGILANT MARINER, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM.

CDR Kadowaki was selected as a Surface Warfare Officer Acquisition Profession and last served in the Program Executive Office for Integrated Warfare Systems (PEO IWS) as the Director for Surface Ship Undersea Warfare Combat Systems.

CDR Kadowaki's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), and various campaign and service awards.