

Commander Ralph B. Lydick

CDR Lydick grew up outside Philadelphia Pennsylvania. He graduated High School in 1978 and entered the United States Navy in September 1979, attending recruit training at Great Lakes. After Boot Camp, he reported to Naval Submarine School in Groton, CT. Upon graduating in January 1980, he reported to Fleet ASW Training Center Pacific in San Diego California. During the next year he completed Submarine Sonar Technician 'A' and 'C' Schools.

CDR Lydick reported to USS VON STEUBEN (SSBN 632B), in March 1981 homeported at Newport News Shipbuilding, Virginia. During the yard period, he volunteered to deploy on USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668), which conducted a North Atlantic deployment. He completed six patrols on VON STEUBEN earning his Silver Dolphins in November 1982. In April 1986, he reported to Submarine Training Facility in Charleston, SC where he served as Lead Instructor for various Sonar Subjective Analysis courses. During this tour, he earned his Master Training Specialist designation and in September 1987, he was advanced to Chief Petty Officer. From September 1989 to February 1994, he served on USS STONEWALL JACKSON (SSBN 634G), homeported in Charleston, SC, serving as Sonar Division Leading Chief Petty Officer and First Lieutenant. He completed six patrols. During this tour he was selected for the LDO Program and was commissioned as an Ensign on 1 February 1994.

CDR Lydick reported to USS DIXON (AS 37), homeported in San Diego CA, where he served from April 1994 to November 1995. Initially serving as the Electronics Repair Officer (R-4), he was subsequently sent to Intermediate Maintenance Nuclear Planning Yard, Charleston Naval Shipyard, Charleston SC where he completed five weeks of Quality Assurance Officer and Local Government Inspector training. Upon return to DIXON he relieved as the Quality Assurance Officer. During this tour, he earned his Gold Surface Warfare Officer insignia. Upon DIXON's decommissioning, he transferred to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Cutler ME, where he served as the Operations Officer, Electronics Material Officer and Public Safety Officer.

CDR Lydick reported to Submarine Development Squadron 5, Detachment Sierra located in Silverdale, WA in June 1999, serving as the Officer in Charge until September 2003. During this tour, he completed two deployments on USS HYMAN G RICKOVER (SSN 709) and earned his Gold Submarine Warfare Officer insignia. In September 2003, he reported to the staff of Commander, Submarine Development Squadron 5, where he served as Deputy Commander for Undersea Research and New Developments Officer. During this tour, he completed one deployment on USS HYMAN G RICKOVER (SSN 709). His next assignment was Naval Intermediate Maintenance Facility Pacific Northwest where he served as the Weapons Production Management Assistant from July 2005 until January 2007. In January 2007 he relieved as Officer in Charge, Submarine Development Squadron 5, Detachment Undersea Research and Development. During this tour, he completed 3 missions on board USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN 23) and earned the Gold Deep Submergence Pin.

CDR Lydick relieved as the Executive Officer of Naval Sea Logistics Center, Mechanicsburg, PA in November 2009. Upon departing the Naval Sea Logistic Center he reported as the Executive officer of the Naval Intermediate Maintenance Facility Pacific Northwest in Bangor, WA in September 2010.

CDR Lydick is entitled to wear the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal(2), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal(5), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal(5), and various unit and service awards.