

Commanding Officer

Ernest F. Tedeschi Jr.

Captain, U.S. Navy



Captain Ernest F. Tedeschi Jr., a native of New Britain, Connecticut, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1965. Upon commissioning, he reported to USS BUCK (DD 761) in San Diego, California as First Lieutenant. In January 1967 he joined the precommissioning crew of USS RAMSEY (FFG 2) at Lockheed Shipyard, Seattle, Washington as ASW Officer. Following this, and a tour as Flag LT for COMCRUDESFLT 9, Captain Tedeschi attended the U.S. Naval Destroyer School in April 1970 before reporting to USS BROWNSON (DD 868) as Weapons Officer. In October 1972 he was assigned to the staff of the Naval Destroyer School as an instructor in ASW Systems/Weapons. This was followed by a tour as a student at the Naval War College, Command and Staff Course, and then to USS GRIDLEY (CG 21) as Weapons Officer. In January 1977, Captain Tedeschi reported to USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 32) as Executive Officer. His next Assignment was as

Head of Surface Missile Evaluation for Operational Test and Evaluation Force, Pacific. Captain Tedeschi then commanded USS DUNCAN (FFG 10) from June 1982 until January 1985, at which time he reported to the Surface Warfare Officer's School Command in Newport, Rhode Island to serve as the Senior Combat System/Cruiser-Destroyer Instructor on the PCO/PXO Training Staff. In July 1987 Captain Tedeschi assumed the position as Head, Aegis Cruiser-Destroyer Branch on the Staff of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare). He took command of USS VALLEY FORGE in May 1990, and was selected for Flag Rank in December 1990.

Captain Tedeschi's decorations include the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, and two Navy Commendation Medals along with other campaign and service decorations. Captain Tedeschi is married to the former Christine DiEleuterio of Trenton, New Jersey. The Tedeschi's currently reside in San Diego, California with their daughter Gina and son Ernest.