Commander LOUIS ADOLPH NICK, JR. United States Navy





Commander Nick was born 24 November 1945 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was graduated from Louisiana State University in New Orleans with a BS in Physics. Following completion of Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned in February 1968.

His first assignment was Nuclear Power Training at Mare Island, California and Idaho Falls, Idaho. In March 1969 he reported for duty in US BAINBRIDGE (CGN 25) where he was assigned as Auxiliaries Division Officer. He was next assigned to the Department Head Course at U.S. Naval Destroyer School (now Surface Warfare Officers School), followed by a tour as Weapons Officer in USS VOGEL-GESANG (DD 862) from May 1972 until July 1973. Commander Nick was then assigned to USS CALIFORNIA (CGN 36) Precommissioning Unit at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia, as Prospective Navigator. That assignment continued in USS CALIFORNIA (CGN 36) after her commissioning until July

1975. From August 1975 until her commissioning in September 1977, he was assigned to USS TEXAS (CGN 39) Precommissioning Unit at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company as Prospective Main Propulsion Assistant. Shortly after commissioning of USS TEXAS, Commmander Nick was transferred ashore to the Office of the CNO (OP 39) in Washington, D.C. In August 1979, he was again assigned to USS TEXAS for a temporary fivemonth assignment as Engineer Officer. He then completed a tour as Damage Control Assistant in USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) in September 1981. His most recent sea experience was as Chief Engineer of USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) from November 1981 until April 1985.

Commander Nick wears the Meritorious Service Medal (with a Gold Star) and Navy Achievement Medal.

Commander Nick is married to the former Alyson Sproule of Seattle, Washington. They have a daughter, Heather Anne, and a son, Louis.