



**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RONALD L. THOMAS  
UNITED STATES NAVY**

Lieutenant Commander Thomas was born on 2 February 1954 in Memphis, Tennessee. He was commissioned into the United States Navy in September, 1978 through the Naval Officer Candidate School Newport, Rhode Island.

His initial duty was as First Lieutenant and, later, Main Propulsion Assistant on the USS Bradley (FF1041) in San Diego, CA from 1979 to 1982. He served as an instructor on the staff of the Surface Warfare Officer School, Coronado, CA from 1982 to 1985. After completing the Department Head course in 1986, he was assigned as the Engineering Officer in the USS FRESNO (LST 1182) homeported in Long Beach, California and subsequently, from 1989 to 1990, as a member of the CINCPACFLT Propulsion Examining Board in San Diego, California. From 1990 to the present, Lieutenant Commander Thomas has served as Executive Officer on the USS BRISTOL COUNTY (LST 1198) homeported in San Diego, California.

Lieutenant Commander Thomas earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wabash College in 1976. His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal.

Lieutenant Commander Thomas is the son of Louis Thomas and Bernice Walker Thomas of Memphis, Tennessee. He is married to Cleopatra Word of Memphis, Tennessee. They have a son Matthew, one year old.