

# Commander Victor S. Dias

## United States Navy

### USS DETROIT (AOE 4)

Commander Victor S. Dias was born in Mangualde, Portugal. He spent most of his adult life growing up in Cumberland, RI. He graduated from Cumberland High School in 1980. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Resource Development from the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI in 1984. He entered Officer Candidate School in January 1985 and received his commission that May.

After OCS, CDR Dias went to his first ship **USS AMERICA (CV 66)**, where he served in Deck and 3M departments from 1985-89. From 1989-91, he was stationed aboard the **USS PATTERSON (FF 1061)** where he served as DCA. Onboard the **USS WARRIOR (MCM 10)**, he served as the Chief Engineer for 18 months and as XO for 3 months during his 1994-95 tour. On the **USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD 44)** he was the Chief Engineer from 1995-97.

Throughout his career, CDR Dias has received a great deal of military training and education. He attended schools for DCA, Department Head, EOOW and Advanced Leadership. In 1998, while assigned to Commander Western Hemisphere Group, CDR Dias attended the Brazilian Naval War College. His most recent professional education consisted of PXO School.

Assuming duties as Executive Officer in September 2001, CDR Dias main objective is to ensure that **USS DETROIT (AOE 4)** is combat ready. That includes enforcing standards, taking proper care and training the crew, ensuring that all evolutions are conducted safely, and mentoring the junior officers onboard.

CDR Dias' awards and decorations include two Navy Commendation medals, three Navy Achievement Medals, a Navy Unit Commendation, three Navy "E" Ribbons, two National Defense Service Medals, five Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, a NATO Service Medal and a Coast Guard Special Operations Ribbon.

CDR Dias and his wife Rosa have three sons: Jacob, Nathaniel, and Timothy.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY



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