

CDR W. K. COOKE

Commander Cooke graduated in 1989 from Georgia Tech, receiving his Commission as an ensign through the NROTC Program. Commander Cooke's initial sea tour was as Ordnance Officer and Damage Control Assistant in USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG 13) from July 1990 to May 1993. After completing his first Division Officer Tour, he was ordered in as Pre-commissioning Fire Control Officer in USS MITSCHER (DDG 57) from May 1993 to February 1996. Following his sea tours, Commander Cooke earned a Master of Science Degree from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA from February 1996 to June 1998. His next assignment was as Weapons Officer in USS MAHAN (DDG 72) from February 1999 to February 2000. In 2000, he flected up to Combat Systems Officer. He departed MAHAN in November 2001 and went on to serve as Flag Secretary in Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group TWO/GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group until December 2002. In March 2003, Commander Cooke reported as Executive Officer of USS HUÉ CITY (CG-66).



Lieutenant Commander Downey graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1991 where he was commissioned as an Ensign. Following Surface Warfare Officer School, his initial assignment was to the USS REEVES (CG 24) from August 1992 to November 1993 as the Communications Officer and Electrical Officer. His second tour was aboard the USS ACADIA (AD 42) as the 1st/2nd Division Officer from January to December 1994. He then reported to USS RENTZ (FFG 46) as the Navigator and Admin Officer from February 1996 to October 1997. Upon completion of his third Division Officer tour, Commander Downey reported to the USS SIDES (FFG 14) as the Operations Officer from June 1998 until January 2000. Following his first Department Head tour, he reported as the Combat Systems Officer to the Pre-Commissioning Unit for USS WINSTON S. CHURCHILL (DDG 81). Commander Downey's next assignment was as Navigator in USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3) as well as Staff Navigator for COMPHIBRON FIVE from September 2001 to May 2003. Next, he attended the Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) where he earned his second Masters Degree from August 2003 until June 2004. Commander Downey reported as Executive Officer of USS HUÉ CITY (CG-66) in October 2004.



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