

CDR Randy Chestang
Coastal Riverine Squadron THREE
Commanding Officer



Commander Randolph (Randy) Chestang IV hails from Bassfield, Mississippi. He Enlisted in the United States Navy in 1991 as a Yeoman and attended the BOOST Program in 1994. In 1999, he graduated from Southern University and A&M College with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and received his commission through the Navy ROTC program.

At sea, CDR Chestang completed his first Division Officer tour aboard USS ELROD (FFG 55) serving as Damage Control Assistant including a deployment to SIXTHFLT in support of NATO Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean (SNFM). His next tour was as Operations Officer in USS CHIEF (MCM 14) where he deployed to the Eastern Mediterranean Sea and the approaches to the Suez Canal conducting mine clearance operations in support of OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

As a Department Head in USS STEPHEN W GROVES (FFG 29), CDR Chestang served as Operations Officer. During his tour, he deployed to the Eastern Pacific in support of Counter-Narco Terrorism. His second Department Head tour was in USS PHILLIPINE SEA (CG 58) where he served as Operations Officer and EDSRA Coordinator becoming the first in the Atlantic Fleet to complete Cruiser Modernization. As Executive Officer, CDR Chestang served in USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CG 58) where she was awarded the Battle "E" for 2013 and 2014 as well as the 2014 recipient of the USS Arizona Memorial Trophy Award. Additionally, PHILIPPINE SEA deployed to the Arabian Gulf as Air Defense Commander to the GEORGE H W BUSH Strike Group in support of OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE, during which time she was the first to successfully launch seventeen tomahawk missiles into Syria. In 2016, he reported to CRS-3 as Executive Officer completing a training cycle and disaggregated deployment in 2017. He assumed duties as Commanding Officer in February 2018.

CDR Chestang's shore duty assignments include a tour in the Program Executive Office for Information Technology Activity, New Orleans where he served as NSIPS Project Officer culminating in acquisition certifications in Program Management and Information Technology. As a post-Department Head, CDR Chestang was assigned to the Chief of Naval Operations Surface Warfare Division (OPNAV N86/96) in Arlington, VA as Action Officer and served in multiple positions: Air and Missile Defense Radar (AMDR) Requirements Officer, and Surface Maintenance Requirements Officer.

CDR Chestang completed his post graduate degree while assigned to Naval War College Newport earning a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies and JPME Phases I and II.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal with multiple awards for both.