

Commander Darryl M. Toppin, USN
Navy Recruiting District, Phoenix

Commander Darryl Toppin enlisted on 13 May 1984 as an Aviation Structural Mechanic (Hydraulics) Airman Recruit. Attended A-school at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington TN from July – September 1984. Reported to VAW 112 as an intermediate hydraulics technician and deployed onboard USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) for two Western Pacific deployments under Carrier Air Group 9. Attended the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training from June 1987- August 1988. Attended University of Utah, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Math with a minor in Naval Science. Earning his commission through Utah's NROTC program, he went on to attend Surface Warfare Division Officer's school, where he subsequently received orders to USS Racine (LST-1191) as Communications and Electrical Maintenance Officer. During then Ensign Toppin's 19 month tour on USS Racine, he served as Electrical Officer, Communications Officer, Operations Officer and Officer in Charge of the her decommissioning from March 1992- October 1993.

Upon leaving Racine, then Lieutenant Junior Grade Toppin reported to USS Acadia (AD-42) as the Navigation Officer. Completed one Western Pacific deployment November 1993 to December 1994 as the Auxiliary and Electrical Officer and later as Chief Engineer. USS Acadia was decommissioned in December 1994. USS LaSalle (AGF-3), Sixth Fleet Flagship, was LTJG Toppin's next assignment as Weapons and Deck division officer. During his 18 months tour he completed numerous Mediterranean deployments to include IFOR in the Adriatic Sea. Then LT Toppin transferred to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California where over the next 27 months he earned his Masters of Science in Financial Management. Reporting in September of 1998 to Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center, he completed a tour as Supply and Budget Department Head and STG A & C-School Division Officer.

LT Toppin then reported to Navy Recruiting District San Diego as an Officer recruiter, Officer Programs Officer and later as the Operations Officer from November 2001 to March 2005, where he was promoted to the rank of LCDR. Assumed command of Military Entrance Processing Station Phoenix on 25 March 2005 for a three year assignment. CDR Toppin reported to NRD Phoenix as the Executive Officer in February 2008.

Commander Darryl Toppin's decorations include the Defense Service Meritorious service medal, Navy Commendation Medal (one Gold Star), and the Navy Achievement Medal (two Gold Stars.)