



United States Navy Biography

Commander Geoffrey D. Lyster Former Deputy Program Executive Officer-Air United States Navy

Commander Lyster enlisted in the Navy in May 1993. While assigned to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics) Pentagon N4 he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts and subsequently attended Aviation Officer Candidate School, Naval Air Station Pensacola. He was commissioned an Ensign on September 13, 1996.

Commander Lyster's operational tours have included serving as Disbursing Officer onboard the USS FIFE (DD-991) from 1997-1999; as Supply Officer and Diving Officer onboard the USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) from 1999-2001; and as the Aviation Readiness Officer onboard the USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) from 2005-2006. The USS ENTERPRISE, the world's largest warship, simultaneously supported Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), while deployed overseas, the first American warship to do so, earning the Navy Unit Citation in 2006.



In addition to his afloat tours, his operational tours have included (boots on the ground) as a Contingency Contracting Officer, Navy Central Command, in support of Iraqi Freedom in 2003; as Requirements Officer for Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Baghdad, Iraq in 2005; and as Officer-In-Charge Afghan National Army - National Supply Depots ONE and TWO in 2008-2009. It was in the latter capacity that he participated in 610 convoys in Afghanistan.

His shore tours have included serving as a Contracting Officer at Naval Sea Systems Command from 2001-2003; as a Logistics Analyst for the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS-J4) from 2004-2005; as Financial Analyst for the Chief of Naval Operations (N8) from 2006-2008 and as an Assistant Lead Business Financial Manager (BFM) at Naval Air Systems Command from 2009-2013. He retired as the Deputy Program Executive Officer – Air, for BFM; the position he served in from May 2011 to November 2013.

His personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (three gold stars), Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (five gold stars); Afghan Campaign Medal; GWOT Expeditionary Medal and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Expert Rifle Medal, Expert Pistol Medal. His warfare badges include the Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer, Naval Aviation Supply Officer, Supply Corps Officer Qualified in Submarines and the Strategic Ballistic Patrol Pin (two gold stars).

His education includes: Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts, University of the State of New York (1994); Master of Science in Business Finance, University of Maryland (2002); Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, American Military University (2004); Master of Business Administration in Acquisition, American Military University (2006); Master of Science in Military Studies, American Military University (2007); Master of Arts in History, George Mason University (2012). As a senior Naval Officer, Commander Lyster graduated from the University of Virginia, Darden Business School, Executive Management Program; and University of California, College of Business Administration, Executive Management Program.