

# Executive Officer

## Commander Robert Lange



CDR Robert J. Lange is a native of New Orleans, LA. He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve and commenced two years active duty in 1967, spending nearly eighteen months of this period deployed to the Western Pacific onboard USS HENRY W. TUCKER (DD 875). Returning to New Orleans, he affiliated with the reserves, spending eight years with various surface units, including five years with COASTAL DIVISION TWENTY TWO.

In 1977, CDR Lange returned to active duty as a Quartermaster First Class, serving in a temporary Active Duty Reserve billet at Navy Recruiting District, New Orleans. He then attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, and was commissioned in October 1978.

Since commissioning, he has served as Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and Weapons Officer on USS DAVIS (DD 937), Damage Control Assistant and Auxiliaries Officer on USS SAN DIEGO (AFS 6), and Combat Systems Officer on USS FAHRION (FFG 22) and USS NASSAU (LHA 4). Ashore he has served as a Seamanship Instructor at Naval Officer Candidate School and Plans and Operations Officer at Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, RI and Commanding Officer Naval Reserve Center, Kingsport, TN.

CDR Lange's decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star, Navy Unit Commendation with Bronze Star, Meritorious Unit Commendation with Bronze Star, Battle Efficiency "E" (three awards), Naval Reserve Meritorious Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal with Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal (Three Campaigns), Southwest Asia Service Medal (One Campaign), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with Three Bronze Stars, Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hourglass Device, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Commendation (Gallantry Cross Color with Palm), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Navy Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon and Navy Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon.

CDR Lange is married to the former Janel Hope Knox of New Orleans, LA, who resides in Kingsport, TN with their sons, Robert Junior and Russell. Their daughter Jerin attends Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN.