



CDR Charles L. Stuppard graduated from Cornell University in 1982 with a degree in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. He worked for three years as a Design and Test Engineer for Fairchild Republic Corp in the A-10A, T-46 and SF-340 Aircraft programs. He subsequently joined the Navy in 1985 as an aviation officer candidate.

After commissioning and flight training CDR Stuppard switched to Surface Warfare. He reported to USS BIDDLE (CG 34) in Norfolk where he served as Boilers Officer and Advanced Combat Direction Systems / Computers Officer (Sep 1987 – Jul 1990). Following several NTU schools, he reported to USS REEVES (CG 24) in Pearl Harbor serving as Electronics Readiness Officer, then as fleeted-up Combat System Officer (Nov 1990 – May 1992).

After Department Head School (May – Dec 1992), CDR Stuppard reported to USS SIDES (FFG 14) as Combat System Officer (Jan 1992 – Apr 1994) and afterwards assumed duties as commissioning Combat Systems Officer of USS GONZALEZ (DDG 66) until Sep 1997. From Sep 1997 – Nov 1998, CDR Stuppard attended the Naval War College in Newport and earned a Masters in National Security and Strategic Studies followed by PXO and Leadership Schools. He then obtained his Joint Professional Military Education Phase II at the Armed Forces Staff College (Apr – Jun 1999). He served as Executive Officer of USS NICHOLAS (FFG 47) stationed in Norfolk from Jun 1999 through Sep 2000.

CDR Stuppard reported to the Pentagon in Sep 2000. He served on the Joint Staff directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5 as an Action Officer for the Western European and NATO Policy. From Feb 2002 – Jul 2003, he served as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs Europe, J-5 DDPMA-E. He assumed command of USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG-51) on March 05, 2004.