



Commander David L. Ihlenfeld

Commander Ihlenfeld received his commission upon graduating from Officer Candidate School in 1967. Following an interim period at Memphis, Tennessee awaiting orders, Commander Ihlenfeld was assigned as Communications Officer aboard USS OUTAGAMIE COUNTY (LST-1073) homeported in San Diego, CA. In June 1969, he was ordered as Communications Officer in the commissioning crew of USS CONNOLE (FF-1056) in Norfolk, Virginia, where he served until 1971. This was followed by a brief tour as Chief Engineer in USS HARLAN R. DICKSON (DD-708) at Boston, Mass. He was then ordered to Surface Warfare Officer Department Head Course Class 36. In 1972, upon graduation from the Department Head course, Commander Ihlenfeld returned to sea duty as Weapon's Officer aboard USS ROBERT A. OWENS (DD 827) in Norfolk, VA., followed by a tour as First Lieutenant aboard the USS LA MOURE COUNTY (LST-1094). Upon completion of sea duty in 1975, he reported to the Technical Assistance Field Team in Tehran, Iran until 1977. He was then ordered to the USS GUAM (LPH-9) homeported in Norfolk, VA., as Combat Information Center Officer and Navigator. Commander Ihlenfeld graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College in 1980. He again returned to sea duty in 1980 as Executive Officer of the USS MOBILE (LKA-115) homeported in Long Beach, CA. Prior to reporting aboard USS SCHENECTADY, Commander Ihlenfeld attended the Air War College at Air University where he graduated in May 1983.

Commander Ihlenfeld's decorations include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, Republic of Viet Nam Meritorious Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Sea Service ribbon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edward Ihlenfeld of Butler, Pennsylvania. Commander Ihlenfeld is married to the former Nina Schroer and resides in San Diego, California.