



COMMANDER
STEVEN M. RICHARDS
PROSPECTIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
NAVY RECRUITING DISTRICT SEATTLE

Commander Steven M. Richards was born on November 16, 1968, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He spent his childhood in the town of Gonvick, Minnesota. On March 27, 1992 he was commissioned from the University of Minnesota NROTC unit with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He earned his designation as a Naval Aviator on December 17, 1993 after flight training at NAS Whiting Field, Florida and NAS Corpus Christi, Texas.

He joined Patrol Squadron EIGHT stationed at NAS Brunswick, Maine in March 1995. While assigned to VP-8, he completed two Sigonella deployments and one Keflavik/Panama/Puerto Rico tri-site deployment. During this tour, he served as the Rec Services Officer, Assistant Readiness Officer, AW Division Officer, Readiness Officer, Material Control Officer and Quality Assurance Officer.

In February 1999, he reported to Patrol Squadron THIRTY at NAS Jacksonville, Florida as a flight instructor and served as Quality Assurance Officer and Weapons Training Unit Instructor.

He reported to Patrol Squadron Special Projects Unit TWO stationed at MCBH Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii in February 2002. He served as Current Operations Officer and Assistant Maintenance Officer.

In October 2003, Commander Richards reported to Patrol Squadron FORTY-SIX at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. He served as Assistant Administrative Officer, Safety NATOPS Officer, Assistant Maintenance Officer, Senior Pilot, Training Officer, Operations Officer, and Maintenance Officer. He deployed twice with VP-46 to the SEVENTH fleet AOR.

In December 2006, he was stationed at U.S. Strategic Command on Offutt AFB, Nebraska, serving in the J5 Plans and Policy Directorate.

He is now slated as PXO of Naval Recruiting District Seattle.

Personal awards include two Strike Flight Air Medals, five Navy Commendation Medals, (one with Combat Distinguishing Device), and three Navy Achievement Medals as well as other unit and service awards.

Commander Richards is married to the former Jennifer Renee Holland of Blue Earth, MN. They are blessed with their two sons Conner and Daniel, their dog Annie and two mangy cats.