

Lieutenant Commander Kathleen L. Knapp  
United States Navy

Lieutenant Commander Knapp grew up in Yorktown, VA. She graduated from Mary Baldwin College in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. She received her commission from the Virginia Military Institute through the NROTC program. Immediately following graduation she reported to Newport, RI, to attend the Surface Warfare Division Officer Course.

Her first sea assignment was aboard USS *Leyte Gulf* (CG 55), homeported in Norfolk, VA, where she served primarily as Electrical and Auxiliaries officer and completed a six-month deployment to support Operation Iraqi Freedom in September 2001. Upon completion of this assignment, she transferred to Destroyer Squadron Eighteen, where she served as the Assistant Operations Officer, and deployed with the USS *Enterprise* Strike Group in August 2003. Lieutenant Junior Grade Knapp was selected for Lateral Transfer to the Human Resources community during this tour of duty.

She then reported for shore duty at Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, RI. She first served as an International Surface Warfare Officer Instructor until she deployed to serve as the Future Operations Officer for Joint Task Force 134 in Baghdad, Iraq. Upon her return she served as the N1 Manpower and Administration Department Head. During her off-duty time she earned her Masters of Business Administration from Salve Regina University. She also earned her Professional of Human Resources (PHR) certification and Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) Phase 1 during this tour.

In 2007 Lieutenant Knapp transferred to the Human Performance Center detachment with Naval Expedition Combat Command in Norfolk, VA. The Command was disestablished in 2008 and Lieutenant Knapp was then assigned as the Enlisted Programs Officer in Naval Recruiting District San Diego.

In 2010 Lieutenant Commander Knapp reported to Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey California for the Manpower Systems Analysis Curriculum. She will graduate in March 2012 with a Master of Science in Management.

Lieutenant Commander Knapp's personal decorations include a Joint Commendation Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.