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Commodore – Unmanned Undersea Vehicle Group ONE



CAPT Dolbec, a native of Manchester, NH, was commissioned in 2000 from Officer Candidate School after earning a bachelor's degree in Ocean Sciences from Maine Maritime Academy. He holds master's degrees in Engineering Science from the Naval Postgraduate School and Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

At sea he commanded the nuclear-powered fast attack submarine USS TEXAS (SSN-775) homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii during which he completed an INDOPACOM deployment and a CENTCOM deployment. He also commanded the USS JOHN WARNER (SSN-785) during a EUCOM deployment. His other sea tours include assignment as a division officer on USS SEAWOLF (SSN-21), Navigation and Operations Officer onboard USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN-757), and Executive Officer onboard USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN-711). These assignments included operations in both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets and multiple deployments to the North Atlantic, Arabian Gulf, and Western Pacific. While serving with the Royal Navy he also completed a North Atlantic deployment with the TRAFALGAR Class SSN, HMS TIRELESS.

His assignments ashore include USCYBERCOM where he served as the Director, Joint Operations Center and Chief, Current Operations (J33) as well as the OIC, Task Force Readiness. He also served as the Submarine Group 8 Deputy for Submarine Support in Naples, Italy. As an exchange officer to the United Kingdom he served as the submarine tactics officer at the Maritime Warfare Centre and created a tactics development program utilizing commercial unmanned submarines. During his time with the NPS Undersea Warfare Program he developed a new method of navigation for autonomous undersea vehicles by applying vision-based velocity detection to forward-looking SONAR. For his research he received the National Defense Industrial Association Rear Admiral Jack Jarabak Medal for advancement in undersea warfare.

CAPT Dolbec is authorized to wear multiple personal awards. However, he is most proud of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, two Meritorious Unit Commendations, and five Battle Efficiency "E" awards earned while serving with outstanding teams.