

LCDR DAVID GARDNER | USN

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Lieutenant Commander David Gardner is a native of Warrensburg, Missouri, where he graduated from Warrensburg High School in 1999. In 2003, he graduated from The University of Central Missouri with a Bachelor of Science in Photography. In February 2009, David earned his commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy through Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He earned a Master in Business Administration from National University in November 2014.

He began his commissioned service onboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), San Diego, California, as the Electrical Division Officer from June 2009 to September 2011, completing a 7-month Western Pacific deployment and earning his Surface Warfare Officer qualification in August 2010. He then served as Fire Control Officer aboard USS Milius (DDG 69), San Diego, California, from November 2011 to June 2013, where he completed a seven-month Western Pacific deployment. Ashore, David served as a Country Desk Officer for Commander, Naval Forces Europe-Africa and Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet, Naples, Italy, from October 2013 to October 2015.

David was accepted for lateral transfer to the Public Affairs community in December 2014, and reported to the Defense Information School, Ft. Meade, Maryland, in October 2015, to complete the Public Affairs Qualification Course. He then reported to USS Makin Island (LHD 8), San Diego, California, in January 2016, and served as Public Affairs Officer during a seven-month Western Pacific deployment.

David joined the Blue Angels in 2017. His decorations include three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various personal and unit awards.

