

A native of Austin Texas, Capt Jones. He attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas and graduated with a Liberal Arts degree in English and History in 1984.

Captain Jones graduated from Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island in February 1985. He was then assigned as a Division Officer aboard USS RANGER (CV 61) August 1985. Captain Jones was assigned to USS DULUTH (LPD 6) as Main Propulsion Assistant in July 1988 where he completed another Western Pacific deployment. He was later assigned as Engineer Officer aboard USS FORT FISHER (LSD 40) from July 1993 to April 1996. From April 1998 to September 1999, Captain Jones was again assigned to USS DULUTH (LPD 6) as Executive Officer where he completed a fourth deployment to the Arabian Gulf.

Captain Jones' tours ashore included Officer Programs and Nurse Recruiter at Navy Recruiting District New Orleans from March 1990 to September 1992. From June 1996 to June 1997 Captain Jones attended the Army Command and Staff College in Leavenworth, Kansas where he earned a Master of Military Arts and Science (MMAS). He later attended the Armed Forces Staff College from June 1997 to September 1997. He completed a tour at COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS GROUP ONE (ESG-7) from October 1999 to August 2002 as Operations Officer (N3) in Okinawa, Japan.

Captain Jones served as Commanding Officer, ASSAULT CRAFT UNIT ONE, located in Coronado, California from February 2003 to November 2004, and during his tour, Landing Craft (LCUs and LCMs) and crews deployed in support of various bilateral/multilateral exercises and real world missions including OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

From November 2004 to August 2006, Captain Jones was assigned as Executive Officer aboard USS ESSEX (LHD 2) where he deployed to the North Arabian Gulf in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. ESSEX later participated in various Humanitarian assistance and Disaster relief operations throughout Southeast Asia.

From October 2006 to July 2009, Captain Jones served as Director of Requirements, Policy, and Experimentation (N8/N9) on the staff of Commander, Second Fleet in Norfolk, Virginia.

Captain Jones' personal awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, and various other campaign and service awards.