

Captain Stephen Ries United States Navy Commanding Officer

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Captain Steven Ries was born in Iowa City, Iowa on January 13, 1945. After enlisting in the United States Navy in July 1963, he was appointed as a midshipman to the United States Naval Academy. Graduated and commissioned as an Ensign in June 1968, he reported to USS Hamner (DD-718) and served as Gunnery Officer and later as ASW Officer until April 1971. Completing the Department Head course at the Destroyer School in Newport, R.I., Lieutenant Ries returned to sea in USS Eversole (DD-789) as Weapons Officer from January 1972 to April 1973 and served a second department head tour as Operations Officer in USS Kansas City (AOR-3) from May 1973 to August 1974. As a member of the United States Naval Academy Brigade Officer Staff from August 1974 to August 1977, he was assigned duties as a company officer and instructor to the Brigade of Midshipmen. Promoted to Lieutenant Commander, he reported for duty on the staff of Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Eight in Norfolk, Virginia and served as Flag Secretary until January 1980. Next he attended the Armed Forces Staff College joint officers course, and then reported to USS Manitowoc (LST-1180) as the ship's Executive Officer from August 1980 to March 1982. In May 1982, Commander Ries was assigned joint duty in Washington D.C. on the staff of the Deputy Director for Operations (National Military Command Systems), Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff until May 1985. Subsequently, he returned to sea as the Commanding Officer, USS Sumter (LST-1181) from November 1985 to April 1987 and as Commanding Officer USS LaMoure County (LST-1194) in May 1987. Prior to reporting as Commanding Officer USS Trenton (LPD-14), Captain Ries served as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, Florida from May 1988 until October 1990.

Captain Ries has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service, Navy Meritorious Service, Navy Commendation, and Navy Achievement Medals.

He has received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Naval Academy, Master of Arts Degree in Administrative Science from George Washington University, and a Joint Subspecialty from the Armed Forces Staff College.

Captain Ries is married to the former Bette Peery of Annapolis, Maryland. They have two daughters, Susanne and Amanda.

