

**CAPTAIN ROBERT W. FOWLER**  
**Commanding Officer**  
**Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity**

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Captain Robert W. Fowler, USN, was born in Talladega, Alabama and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1970. After boot camp, he attended Postal Clerk "A" School and was assigned to USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (CVA-42) as a Ship's Postal Clerk. Subsequent duty assignments included tours at Naval Air Station Bermuda and USS RICHARD L. PAGE (FFG-5), home ported in Athens, Greece. In 1974, he was assigned to Navy Recruiting Station, Birmingham (Roebuck), Alabama until July 1979.



Following completion of his Bachelor's Degree in July 1979, CAPT Fowler worked for the UNISYS Corporation as a marketing representative for hardware/software computer products in Pensacola, FL. After two years of civilian employment, he received his commission in November 1981 via Officer Candidate School and attended core 1140 officer training.

CAPT Fowler's initial assignment was as Diving & Salvage Officer aboard USS VULCAN (AR-5) from 1982 to 1984. After successfully completing Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) School, Indian Head, MD, he was assigned to EOD Mobile Unit TWO as a detachment Officer-in-Charge (OIC). In February 1986, he was assigned as the Area Point Search Systems Officer (Side Scan Sonar) for the post-Challenger space shuttle recovery and salvage operation. In January 1987, he deployed aboard USS HUNLEY (AS-31), Holy Loch, Scotland, as the EOD detachment OIC. In September 1987, CAPT Fowler took over as plank owner OIC of EOD Mobile Unit TEN, Fort Story, VA, where he served until December 1989. From December 1989 until October 1992 he was the Commanding Officer of Naval Reserve Center, Tuscaloosa, AL. Following completion of Professional Military Education in November 1993 he served as the Executive Officer of EOD School until November 1995.

CAPT Fowler's next tour of duty was a joint assignment at US Special Operations Command (SOCOM), MacDill Air Force Base, FL. His duties included strategic assessor and Program Objective Memorandum coordinator for demolition and ordnance programs from December 1996 until May 2000. Following his joint tour, CAPT Fowler was selected for command and commanded EOD Mobile Unit FIVE, Guam from July 2000 until August 2002. His duties included WWII unexploded ordnance (UXO) operations, exercise support, mine countermeasures and diving operations, Full Accounting missions (recovery of remains) and Secret Service support. He most recently served as Commanding Officer, Regional Ordnance Director/Explosive Safety of Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, CA.

CAPT Fowler is authorized to wear the Legion of Merit, MSM with one gold star, Defense MSM with one bronze oak leaf cluster, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and various Navy unit/joint commendation ribbons. He is a Surface Warfare Officer-qualified Special Operations Officer, a Master EOD Technician, Salvage Diving Officer and a Navy Parachutist. He is a graduate of the Naval War College and holds a Masters Degree in History from the University of Alabama. His wife is Melissa and they have three children, Kyle, Andy, Adam.