

Commander Richard M. Meyer  
Commanding Officer  
USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG-32)

CDR Meyer was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the Nuclear Power Program in 1989 and was later accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy where he graduated and received a commission in 1994.

CDR Meyer's previous assignments at sea include division officer tours aboard USS VELLA GULF (CG 72) as DCA and Strike officer and the staff of Commander, Destroyer Squadron EIGHTEEN as the Surface Operations officer. He completed his Department Head tour as a plank owner aboard USS MASON (DDG 87) serving as the Operations Officer through the ship's maiden deployment. In January 2010, he completed a tour as Executive Officer aboard USS SHILOH (CG 67).



CDR Meyer's assignments ashore include Surface Targets and Sinking Exercise Officer for Commander, US Atlantic Fleet (N73), Requirements Officer for Ballistic Missile Defense on the Staff of Director, Surface Warfare (OPNAV N865), Naval War College and Navy Air and Missile Defense Command Deputy Operations for Fleet Support.

CDR Meyer's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and various unit and service awards.

Lieutenant Commander Michael J. Brand  
Executive Officer  
USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG-32)

LCDR Brand was born in Fort Benning Georgia and raised as an Army Dependant at various Infantry and Special Forces Bases throughout the US. He enlisted in Navy in 1984 and served on the Special Projects Submarine USS Richard B Russell, Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific, and the USS William H Bates. He was chosen for the Enlisted Commissioning Program in 1993 and in 1994 he attended the University of North Florida and received his commission from the Jacksonville University NROTC program in 1996.



His first commissioned tour of duty was aboard USS VICKSBURG (CG-69), where he served as the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer during which he completed a Fifth Fleet deployment with the USS JOHN F KENNEDY BATGRU in 1997. His Second Division Officer tour was in USS BOONE as the AUXO and ELECT-O combined. BOONE completed two CNT deployments during his tour.

He was then assigned to Fleet Technical Support Center Det Mayport. While on Shore duty he completed his Master Degree in Computer Science from the University of North Florida.

In January 2004, LCDR Brand reported to USS SAMUEL B ROBERTS (FFG-58) and served as the Combat Systems Officer. In June 2005, LCDR Brand was assigned to COMDESRON TWO FOUR as the N5, Combat Systems Training and Readiness. During this tour he completed his Joint Professional Military Education (JPME I) through the Fleet Seminar and US Naval War College CD based Programs.

In June 2007, LCDR Brand reported to the FFG CLASSRON as the N8 Metrics and Requirements Dept Head. While there he was selected for an Individual Augementee assignment to Baghdad Iraq as an Electronics Warfare Officer embedded in the 45th and 50th Integrated Brigade Combat Team assigned as the Joint Area Support Group -Central for the US Embassy, Baghdad.

LCDR Brand's awards include the Joint Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Navy Commendation Medal; Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Award and various unit and service awards.

AMCS James R. Toczczic (SW/AW/NAC)  
Command Senior Chief  
USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG-32)

Senior Chief Toczczic is a native of Warren, Ohio and a 1989 graduate of Lincoln High School in Shinnston, West Virginia. He entered the Navy through the Delayed Entry Program and arrived for basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL in December 1989.

Following Recruit Training, Naval Aircrew Candidate School and Aviation Structural Mechanic (AMS) "A" School, Senior Chief Toczczic reported to VP-30 in Jacksonville, FL. During his tour with VP-30 he was designated as a Naval Aircrewman (NAC) and completed the Flight Engineer Apprentice Program. Senior Chief Toczczic then transferred and qualified as a P-3 Flight Engineer while assigned to the "Fighting Tigers" of VP-8, Brunswick, ME. His follow-on tours as an Instructor Flight Engineer included: VP-5, Jacksonville, FL; VP-30, Jacksonville, FL; Fleet NATOPS Evaluator, Jacksonville, FL; VP-47, Kaneohe Bay, HI; Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL, where he served as a Recruit Division Commander, Ship's (Barracks) LCPO and Recruit Division Commander "C" School LCPO.



Senior Chief Toczczic was selected into the Command Senior Chief Program in February 2009. He graduated the Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 151 Gold) and Command Leadership School, Newport Rhode Island in April 2010. In May 2010 he reported aboard the USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG-32) as the Command Senior Chief.

His personal awards include the Air/Strike Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (six awards), Navy Good Conduct Medal (five awards) and various other unit awards.