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Cmdr. Bruce Dickey is a 1989 graduate of North Carolina State University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Commissioned through the NROTC program, he reported to the SWOS basic course in Newport, R.I. enroute to the USS Blakely homeported out of Charleston, S.C. While on Blakely he served as gunnery officer and took part in decommissioning the ship. Upon taking orders to Norfolk, Va., Cmdr. Dickey reported as communications officer on the USS Caron, making numerous deployments to the CENTCOM AOR and Caribbean. He ultimately served as strike warfare officer and finished his tour as navigator.

Cmdr. Dickey next attended the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, Calif., where he earned a master's degree in space systems engineering during 1994–1997. Concentrating in the area of signals intelligence, he completed his thesis on the tactical exploitation of Combat DF-collected information signals. Upon completion at NPS, he was assigned to the Naval Space Command in Dahlgren, Va. While at NAVSPACE, Cmdr. Dickey worked in the N5 Plans and Policies Directorate advocating naval requirements for space systems in the C4ISR, Space Control and TBMD arenas. While at NAVSPACE he lateral transferred into the Engineering Duty Officer (EDO) community.

Cmdr. Dickey's first assignment as an EDO was Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair, Portsmouth, Va. While at SUPSHIP he served as a project officer on various shipyard repair availabilities and as the command docking observer.

In 2002, Cmdr. Dickey reported as C4I department head on the USS Mount Whitney (LCC/JCC-20). While on Mount Whitney he deployed along with CJTF-HOA in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for an extended deployment to the CENTCOM AOR as command ship during the build-up for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Upon transfer from Mount Whitney he reported as chief engineer at the Global Broadcast Service Joint Program Office (GBS JPO) in the Washington, D.C. area and subsequently assumed responsibilities as deputy program manager.

Upon completing two years at the GBS JPO, Cmdr. Dickey transferred to the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) and worked on satellite reconnaissance systems as a system engineer. While at the NRO, he deployed to Iraq in support of OIF from September 2007 to June 2008, and was the engineering and fielding director at Joint CREW Composite Squadron-1, responsible for all integration, fielding, targeting and sustainment of all counter-radio controlled IED systems throughout OIF. He currently is assigned to the National Security Space Office in Fairfax, Va.

Cmdr. Dickey has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards), and various unit and campaign medals.