

## Commander Jamie P. Drage, USN Chief of Staff

Commander Drage is a native of Mattoon, IL, holds an associate degree in business administration, a bachelor's degree in accounting from Old Dominion University, and a master's degree in human resource management from Troy University. She is also a certified HR Professional (PHR).

Drage enlisted in the Navy in August 1998. She completed recruit training at Great Lakes, Illinois and Disbursing Clerk "A" School at Meridian, Mississippi. She then reported to Personnel Support Detachment Sigonella, Sicily in 1999. After her promotion to second class petty officer, she transferred in 2001 to Patrol Squadron Ten in Brunswick, Maine, for independent duty. In 2003, she served with the Early Airborne Warning



Squadron 124, where she was selected for the Seaman to Admiral-21 (STA-21) Program and advanced to first class petty officer. In December 2002, she commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer.

As a Surface Warfare Officer, she served in Division Officer roles onboard USS Bataan (LHD 5) and USS Carter Hall (LSD 50), which participated in Operation Unified Response in support of Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti and deployed to Fifth Fleet. In 2011, during her ashore tour at Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic (EWTGLANT) as an amphibious warfare instructor, Drage was selected for lateral transfer and redesignated as a Human Resource Officer.

As a Human Resource Officer, she served with the Commander Naval Forces Atlantic in 2012, where she oversaw Staff travel and budget. In 2014, she served with the U.S. Fleet Forces Command, where she oversaw Fleet Manning and Readiness of Active and Reserve billet requirements. From June 2018 to August 2020, she completed her Milestone tour as Training Officer onboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). During this time, she guided the crew through the entire Optimized Fleet Response Plan training cycle to include a 206 consecutive days-at-sea deployment with no port visits during the COVID-19 pandemic. September 2020 to March 2023, she served with the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command N1 as N10 Branch Head. She was the Force Culture of Excellence Lead and responsible for financial management of Military Personnel Navy (MPN) appropriation, Command Career Counselor programs, Force Command Climate, Equal Opportunity, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, and Individual Augmentation for Expeditionary Forces.

Drage assumed responsibilities of DEOMI's chief of staff, May 1, 2023.

Her decorations include the, the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (7 awards), and the Navy Good Conduct Medal (2 awards), as well as several other personal unit and campaign awards.