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**Branch Chief**  
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Commander Daniel M. Colman enlisted in the United States Navy in September 1984 as a conventional Submarine Electronics Technician. In 1986, while attending his service schools, he was accepted into the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) Program in San Diego, California and subsequently earned a full academic scholarship to Jacksonville University (JU) in Jacksonville, Florida. While attending JU, CDR Colman was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program (ECP) and completed his Bachelors of Arts Degree in Political Science and was commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer in May of 1990.

Upon commissioning, CDR Colman completed the Surface Warfare Officer School Division Officer Course (SWOSDOC) and reported to the USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD-981) home ported in Mayport, Florida where he served a three-year tour as First Lieutenant, Auxiliaries Officer, and Navigator and deployed to the Arabian Gulf. In December of 1993 he detached from the USS JOHN HANCOCK and reported to the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Panama City, Florida where he qualified as a Basic Diving and Salvage Officer. Following Dive School, he attended Explosive Ordnance Disposal School in Indian Head, Maryland and graduated in August of 1995.

In September 1995, CDR Colman reported to EODMU THREE in Coronado, California where he assumed responsibilities for EODMU THREE DET ONE and completed the maiden deployment of the USS BOXER (LHD-4) to the Arabian Gulf in October 1997. Following his BOXER deployment, he attended the Prospective Executive Officer course in Newport, Rhode Island prior to reporting in February 1998 as the Executive Officer of Mine Countermeasures (MCM) Rotational Crew GOLF in Ingleside, Texas where he served as XO of USS WARRIOR (MCM-10) home ported in Ingleside, Texas and USS DEXTROUS (MCM-13) forward deployed in Manama, Bahrain.

In February 2000, CDR Colman reported to Commander, SEVENTH Fleet embarked in USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19) and home ported in Yokosuka, Japan as the Staff EOD Officer. In addition to his duties as the Staff EOD Officer, he also served as the Southeast Asia Engagement Officer, Theater Security Cooperation Planner, and Exercise Officer. Upon detaching from the SEVENTH Fleet Staff, CDR Colman reported to the Naval War College in March 2002 and attended the College of Naval Command and Staff. He graduated in March 2003 with a Masters of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Upon graduation from the Naval War College, he reported in May 2003 as Executive Officer of EODMU EIGHT in Sigonella, Sicily where he served until June 2005.

CDR Colman reported to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit ONE as the Commanding Officer in July 2005 where he served until July 2008. While in Command, he increased the operational effectiveness and employment of his diving and salvage forces which enabled access, performed humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and conducted deterrence operations in 32 countries. He also surged his command as the inaugural rotational headquarters of Commander, Task Group 56.1 in support of the Global War on Terrorism to execute Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Diving and Salvage, and Force Protection diving operations in ports threatened by violent extremists throughout the FIFTH Fleet Theater of operation. He reported to Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) as the Defeat the Device Branch Chief in August 2008.