

Mark Edward Cedrun
Captain, United States Navy

Captain Cedrun was born in San Francisco, California and grew up in Los Angeles, graduating from Daniel Murphy High School in 1979. Enlisting in the United States Army after high school, he attended the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey graduating in 1980. He then attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and was commissioned an Ensign in 1984. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Naval Postgraduate School, and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. Additionally, he is qualified as a Joint Specialty Officer.

Captain Cedrun began his career in Surface Warfare aboard the carrier USS RANGER (CV 61), billeted as a Deck Division Officer and then Main Propulsion Division Officer. Subsequent sea assignments include Chief Engineer tours aboard USS SAGINAW (LST 1188) and USS BUTTE (AE 27); Damage Control Assistant aboard USS SAIPAN (LHA 2); Executive Officer aboard USS CLEVELAND (LPD 7); Chief Staff Officer on the staff of Commander, Amphibious Squadron SEVEN; and as Executive Officer aboard USS BOXER (LHD 4). He commanded the dock landing ship USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36), deploying to the Arabian Gulf in early 2003 as part of Amphibious Task Force WEST with elements of the FIRST Marine Expeditionary Brigade in support of Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM. Captain Cedrun decommissioned ANCHORAGE in October 2003. From 2004 to 2006, he served as Executive Officer aboard USS PELELIU (LHA 5). In September 2008, he assumed command of USS BOXER (LHD 4). During CAPT Cedrun's command tour, BOXER served as the flagship for Commander, Task Force 151 and participated in the rescue of CAPT Richard Phillips from the M/V MAERSK ALABAMA in April 2009. He presently serves as the Chief of Staff for Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group THREE.

In addition to the postgraduate education institutions, Captain Cedrun's shore assignments include the staff of Commander, Logistics Squadron TWO as Operations Officer; Officer in Charge of Combat Logistics Group TWO Detachment Earle, New Jersey; and the Joint Forces Staff College Norfolk, Virginia as a student. Prior to assuming command of USS BOXER (LHD 4), he was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense as Military Assistant for Naval Warfare Programs to the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation.

Captain Cedrun has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and is authorized to wear numerous campaign and unit awards.