



Commander Scott W. Murdock was raised in Sherwood, Oregon and enlisted in the Navy in 1979. During his enlisted service, he served as a Personnelman at Personnel Support Detachment Whidbey Island, Personnel Support Detachment Portland, OR and onboard the USS KIRK (FF 1087) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. Commander Murdock converted to Aviation Anti-submarine Warfare Operator, and was an instructor at Air Anti-submarine Squadron FOUR ONE (VS 41) when he was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program (ECP).

While in ECP Commander Murdock attended Oregon State University. In June 1990 he graduated with honors earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Communication. His initial tour of duty was onboard USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3) homeported in Sasebo, Japan where he served as Boilers Officer, OI Division Officer, Training Officer and Navigator. His follow-on division officer tour, in 1995, was as Fire Control Officer in USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. In 1997 Commander Murdock was assigned as Combat Systems Officer in USS FIFE (DD 991) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan and Everett, WA. In 1999 he reported to Destroyer Squadron NINE in Everett, WA as Combat Systems Officer. His first shore tour was instructor duty at Surface Warfare Officer School, Newport, Rhode Island where he was assigned as the Lead for Surface Warfare, DD TET, Navigation and Force Protection. In 2002 Commander Murdock was assigned as Executive Officer onboard USS PAUL F FOSTER (DD 964) homeported in Everett, WA. He joined the ship on their last deployment and then decommissioned the ship in 2003. His next tour was as Executive Officer onboard USS SHOUP (DDG 86) also homeported in Everett. Following his XO tours, he returned to DESRON NINE as Chief Staff Officer making two deployments as part of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Strike Group.

Commander Murdock attended the National War College in Washington D.C. graduating with a Masters in National Security Strategy in June 2007. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (seven awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards) and the Good Conduct Medal (two awards).