



United States Navy Biography

LIEUTENANT CATHERINE L. STAUFFER

Lieutenant Stauffer is a native of Alamogordo, New Mexico. She received a Bachelor of Science (2018), Master of Science (2020), and Doctorate of Philosophy (2023) from Florida State University in Meteorology. She completed a postdoctoral research appointment at McGill University in Montréal, Québec, Canada from November 2024 through May 2025. Her specialty is in cloud-radiative feedbacks, cloud physics, and general circulation dynamics.



LT Stauffer commissioned into the Navy Reserve in February 2020 as a Meteorology and Oceanography (METOC) Direct Commission Officer (DCO) and began her service at the Naval Oceanography Operations Command (NOOC) in Stennis Space Center, MS. There, she served as Naval Oceanography Mine Warfare Center Division Officer, Security and Readiness Manager, Training Department Head, and Operations Department Head.

LT Stauffer acted as Command Duty Officer (CDO) under instruction (U/I) in the three Mobilization Exercises (MOBEX) the NOOC has executed and also served as a Weather Officer for Joint Task Force National Capital Region/Military District Washington (JTF-NCR/MDW) during the 60th Presidential Inauguration.

In May 2025, LT Stauffer accepted active orders at Naval Information Forces as a Data Scientist and Action Officer working on the newly established Maritime Operations Center (MOC) TYCOM problem set.

LT Stauffer's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.