

The logo for the United States Navy Biography series. It features the official seal of the United States Navy on the left, which includes an eagle with wings spread, holding an anchor, surrounded by the words "DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY" and "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". To the right of the seal, the words "United States Navy" are written in a blue serif font, and "Biography" is written in a larger, bold, blue serif font. A blue arrow points to the right from the end of the "Biography" text.

United States Navy Biography

Colonel Patrick F. Eldridge Expeditionary Strike Group SEVEN

Colonel Patrick Eldridge is a native of Connecticut and attended Salve Regina University where he earned a B.A.S in Secondary Education and History. He commissioned in the U.S Marine Corps in December 1998.

His first assignment following The Basic School and the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course was to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines at Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he served as the Fire Direction Officer, Liaison Officer, and Executive Officer for Charlie Battery. Then later served as the Battalion Fire Direction Officer and Assistant Operations Officer

Eldridge then reported to 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Camp Pendleton, where he held the billets of Firepower Control Team Leader and Brigade Platoon Commander. As Firepower Control Team Leader, he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I as the Joint Terminal Attack Controller for Juliet Company, 42 Commando, Royal Marines. In 2004, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller for the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit participating in the Battle of Najaf and Operation Al Fajr in Fallujah. Following completion of this tour Eldridge reported to Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, Va.



In June 2006, Eldridge reported to 5th Battalion, 10th Marines, Camp Lejeune, N.C., where his billets included Logistics Officer, Headquarters Battery Commander, Civil Affairs Team Leader, Commanding Officer Romeo Battery, and Battalion Operations Officer. He deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08 as the Civil Affairs Team Leader for RCT-2, District of Hit, Al Anbar Province. In 2009, Eldridge assumed the duties of Rear Party Officer in Charge, 2d Brigade Headquarters Group. Following this tour he reported to the College of Naval Command and Staff in Newport, RI, and earned a M. A. in National Security and Strategic Studies.

In 2010, Eldridge reported to United States Northern Command, Colorado Springs, Colo. where he served in the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) – U.S. Northern Command as Land Domain Chief, J33 and Chief Instructor Land Domain, J73 Qualification Training.

In 2013, Eldridge reported to 2d Battalion, 11th Marines where he served as the Battalion Executive Officer. In March 2014, he reported to Marine Expeditionary Brigade – Afghanistan where he served as the Fires and Targeting Officer for Regional Command Southwest, Helmand Province in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In March 2015, Eldridge reported to I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton where he served in the Fires and Effects Coordination Center as the Fires Plans Officer and Targeting Officer.

In June of 2016, Eldridge assumed command of 2d Battalion, 11th Marines. Following his command tour in June of 2018, he reported to Top Level School as the CMC's Fellow to the International Security Studies Program, Yale University. In July 2019 Eldridge reported to the Marine Corps Command and Staff College as a faculty advisor and as the Leadership Department Head.

Eldridge is currently serving as the Expeditionary Strike Group 7 Deputy Commander for Theater Littoral Warfare and Integration.