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Commander PAULI graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1940. The years 1941 to 1943 were spent aboard a destroyer doing convoy duty in the North Atlantic.

He was awarded the following ribbons: Pre-Pearl Harbor with an "A", European Theater, American Theater, Pacific Theater with 4 stars, Victory Medal, Japanese and Chinese Occupation ribbons, and Philippine service with one star.

Commander PAULI served aboard the USS MISSISSIPPI, the USS SCHENCK (Gunnery and Executive Officer), the USS HOWORTH (Gunnery Officer), the USS WREN (Executive Officer), and the USS WILSON (Command). He has also served with CinCPacFt Staff (Intelligence), and OpNav (Intelligence).

Commander PAULI took command of the USS WADLEIGH at recommissioning on 3 October 1951.