



## **Captain Frank Bennett, USN Force Aviation Maintenance Officer Commander Naval Air Forces, Pacific COMNAVAIRPAC**

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Captain Bennett joined the Navy in 1988 and attended Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon completion of Aviation Ordnance "A" School, Naval Aircrew Candidate School and initial training at Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP-30), he reported to his first fleet assignment with VP-11 in Brunswick, Maine.

In 1992, he enrolled at The Ohio State University while being affiliated with the Navy Reserves and assigned to Naval Air Station Oceana's Weapons and Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Departments, providing support to F-14 Tomcat and A-6 Intruder aircraft.

He was commissioned in 1996 and assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ-140), Whidbey Island, Washington. As the Quality Assurance Officer, Assistant Maintenance Officer and Maintenance/Material Control Officer, he supported EA-6B aircraft conducting combat missions while embarked onboard aircraft carriers USS JOHN C STENNIS, USS EISENHOWER and deployed to Aviano, Italy. In 2000, he reported to Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, where he was assigned as the Maintenance Officer for VIP aircraft in support of the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. During this tour, he received the Honolulu Navy League Sea Service Award.

In 2004, he reported onboard USS NIMITZ in San Diego, California as the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) General Maintenance and Avionics/Armament Division Officer. He was recognized for his efforts as a recipient of the 2005 National Defense Industrial Association fleet support leadership award. In 2006 he joined the Aviation Maintenance Management Team while on staff of Commander, Naval Air Forces. As a Team Officer, he was accountable for evaluating and analyzing fleet activities' ability to effectively and efficiently perform aviation maintenance in order to safely meet operational requirements within prescribed directives.

In 2008, he reported to Naval Air Station Lemoore, California as the Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN Maintenance Officer. During this tour, he embarked onboard USS NIMITZ in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and 7th Fleet tasking. In 2010 he was assigned as the Fleet Replacement Squadron Maintenance Officer for VFA-125 and VFA-122, where he effected the consolidation and was responsible for 1,200 Navy, Marine Corps and civilian contract personnel maintaining over 100 F/A-18A-F Strike Fighter Aircraft. Once again reporting to the USS NIMITZ in 2012 in Everett, WA, he was assigned as the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department Officer. During a nine-month deployment to 3rd, 7th, 5th and 6th Fleet AORs, he led the level II maintenance effort in support of strike group combat operations.

In 2013 he was recognized by the Navy and Marine Corps Association with the Fleet Peer Leadership Award. In 2014, he returned to Lemoore as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer for Commander, Strike Fighter Wing, U. S. Pacific Fleet. As the lead for the largest Type Wing within the Naval Aviation Enterprise, he managed the maintenance production and logistical oversight for 23 maintenance departments and over 600 F/A-18 and F-35C aircraft. In 2016 he reported as the Logistics and Readiness Branch Head on

the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, Air Warfare Requirements N98, located at the Pentagon in Washington D.C., managing a \$16B annual budget across all Naval Aviation readiness accounts.

From 2020 to 2024, CAPT Bennett was the Commanding Officer of Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Bell-Textron, responsible for the oversight of 3,400 joint defense contracts worth over \$55B in support of V-22 Osprey, H-1 Helicopter, and Army Future Vertical Lift aircraft. He directed all facets of contract administration support for component manufacturing, fleet sustainment repair & overhaul, and new aircraft assembly, and test and delivery to the Fleet. In his current position as the senior aircraft maintenance officer, he provides management, oversight and direction of all Naval Aviation material, maintenance and readiness.

Captain Bennett has numerous personal awards and unit citations, warfare qualified Professional Aviation Maintenance Officer and is a member of the Acquisition Corps with credentials across several disciplines. He holds a Master's of Science Degree in Leadership.