

Mike Neri

VP Veteran Outreach

Pensacola, Florida

Navy Career:

Mike joined the Navy in January 1973 and reported to **RTC Orlando** for Recruit Training. After boot camp, reported to **NATTC Memphis** for Advanced First Term Avionics Training; and then NATTC Ship's Company after training as a maintenance tech for all NATTC AT and ASW training devices/labs.

(TACAMO) Reported to **VQ-4 RTD** in October 1977 for TAC IV training. Reported to **VQ-3**, NAS Agana, Guam (via FASOTRAGRUPAC (SERE & DWEST)) in November of 1977. During this tour, Mike qualified on the EC-130G/Q TAC IV and TIP 1 variants and held positions as 2FT, 1FT, CDI, and QAR.

(TACAMO) **VQ-3** (Tour #2) Home Port Change transfer in August 1981 to **VQ-3** NAS Barber's Point, Hawaii flying/maintaining TIP I and eventually TIP II variants of the EC-130G/Q. During this assignment, held the following qualifications/positions: dual qualified as FT/ACS, NATOPS Instructor, AT shop CDI, and Branch CPO for AT shop and Vans.

Transferred to **Pacific Missile Test Center** (PMTTC), Point Mugu, California in March 1984 for Flying Shore Duty as Range Support Aircrewman and Range Support Aircrew Department Leading SCPO. Qualified as Observer, RADAR Operator, and Radio Operator on the P-3B aircraft.

(TACAMO) Returned to **VQ-3** (Tour #3) NAS Barber's Point in September 1987 and continued to fly/perform duties in the TIP II EC-130G/Q aircraft as FT/ACS and NATOPS Evaluator. Eventually became the E-6A FRAMP Department MCPO for the VQ-3 & VQ-4 training pipelines. Coordinated the Navy's first ever (at that point) No-Standdown transition for a major platform while maintaining 100% operational coverage in both squadrons.

Transferred to **Naval Aviation Maintenance Office** (NAMO), Patuxent River, Maryland in July 1990 and performed the duties of Naval Aviation Maintenance Program (NAM) Department MCPO and NAM Change Coordinator.

Transferred to NAS Keflavik, Iceland in August 1993 and assumed the duties of the **AIMD** Production MCPO. In addition to normal AIMD functions, maintained and operated a LOX Plant, and performed De-ice functions for the NATO Base during winter operations.

Transferred to Naval Air Maintenance Training Group (**NAMTRAGRU**) Headquarters, NAS Pensacola in September 1999 as the Contracts Department MCPO and Contract Manager. Earned the Navy Acquisition NEC and performed COR duties as a contract manager. One of my major

contracts brought me back to TACAMO as a manager for the E-6A Computer Based Training development to include software development and build-up of electronic classrooms at the NAMTRADETs.

Transferred to the Fleet Reserve in October 1999 and remained in Pensacola, Florida.

Post Active Duty Navy Career:

Site Manager for Logistic Services International (LSI) developing Computer Based Training for Navy activities. Worked for various contractors on Base at NAS Pensacola from 2002 – 2019 performing various functions/duties to include AIMD Production Supervisor, AIMD Production Manager, Site Maintenance Manager/Ordnance Officer, Site Manager for multiple training aircraft at NASP, and limited maintenance/Cal Lab/AIMD support for the Blue Angels and Training Commands at NAS Whiting Field, Milton, Florida.