

Anthony Barnes

Tony was born in Macomb, Illinois and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1987 as an Aviation Ordnanceman. His first tour was with VFA-137 KESTRALS where he completed two Mediterranean cruises onboard the USS CORAL SEA. While serving at Strike Fighter Weapons School Atlantic as an instructor, he was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program and attended the University of Jacksonville NROTC Unit. He graduated from the University of North Florida and Southern Illinois University and received his commission in August of 1995. After the completion of flight school he was designated a Naval Flight Officer in November of 1996. He is also a graduate of the Naval War College and the National Defense University.



His sea duty assignments include tours with Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron FOUR (VQ-4) at Tinker AFB, OK as a junior officer qualifying as an E-6A Airborne Communications Officer Instructor and Mission Commander Evaluator; USS KITTY HAWK (CV-43) in Yokosuka, Japan as the Assistant Navigator deploying to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM where he qualified as Officer of the Deck Underway and Command Duty Officer Underway; Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron THREE (VQ-3) as the Maintenance Officer; Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron FOUR (VQ-4) as the Commanding Officer, and as Commodore, Strategic Communications Wing ONE and Task Group 114.2.

His shore assignments include Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida as Battalion Officer in Charge; Naval Personnel Command as VQ/VT Maritime Placement Officer and VQ Assignments Officer; Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Seven (VQ-7) as the Operations Officer; and Special Operations Command as the Chief Special Technical Operations Officer.

Tony is currently with Vertex Aerospace and is the Program Manager for the Contract Logistics Support for the E-6B.