



Cmdr. Franklin W. Bennett
AIMD OFFICER

Commander Bennett joined the Navy in 1988. He attended Recruit Training at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes Illinois.

In 1989, after completing Aviation Ordnance "A" School, Naval Aircrew Candidate School and FRAMP at VP-30, he was assigned to VP-11 in Brunswick, Maine.

In 1992, he enrolled at The Ohio State University, while affiliating with the Naval Reserves and being assigned to Naval Air Station Oceana's Station Weapons and Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD).

Following his commissioning in 1996, he was designated an Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer and assigned to VAQ-140 at Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington. During this tour, he completed three combat deployments while performing the duties of Maintenance/Material Control Officer, Assistant Maintenance Officer and Quality Assurance Officer.

In 2000, CDR Bennett transferred to Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii where he was attached to the Executive Transport Detachment as the Maintenance Officer for VIP aircraft in support of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. During this tour he received the Honolulu Sea Service Award.

In 2004 he was assigned to AIMD on board the USS NIMITZ (CVN-68) at Naval Air Station North Island, Coronado, California. He held the positions of both General Maintenance (IM-2) and Avionics (IM3) Division Officer and completed a Western Pacific/Arabian Gulf Deployment.

He completed Joint Professional Military Instruction and was the recipient of the National Defense Industrial Association Award for fleet support.

CDR Bennett remained in San Diego and joined the Aviation Maintenance Management Team while on staff of Commander, Naval Air Forces. As a Team Officer, he was responsible 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 Maintenance Officer (CAGMO) for Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN. During this tour, he again deployed on board USS NIMITZ in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and 7th Fleet tasking.

CDR Bennett's most recent assignment was as the Fleet Replacement Squadron Maintenance Officer for VFA-122. During this tour, he effected the merger with VFA-125, where he was responsible for 1,200 Navy, Marine Corps and civilian contract personnel maintaining over 100 F/A-18A-F Strike Fighter Aircraft.

Commander Bennett has numerous personal awards and unit citations and is a member of the Acquisition Corps. He is married to the former Courtney S. Campbell of Columbus, Ohio. The Bennett's have twin boys, Logan and Carson.