

CDR JON FAY | USN

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Commander Jon Fay is a native of Fort Worth, Texas. He attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where he lettered in football and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics in 2000, and was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy.

In January 2002, Jon was designated a Naval Flight Officer (NFO) and reported to Sea Control Squadron (VS) 41, the "Shamrocks," at NAS North Island, California, for initial training in the S-3B Viking. His first fleet assignment was to VS-24 at NAS Jacksonville, Florida in October 2002. While with the "Scouts" he completed an Eastern Mediterranean Sea deployment on the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and participated in the opening strikes in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). In September 2005, due to the Sundown retirement of the S-3B, Jon returned to the "Warbucks" of Training Squadron (VT) 4 as an Intermediate Jet Instructor in the T-1A Jayhawk. During this tour he was selected for transition to the P-3C Orion and earned his Master's in Business Administration with the Naval Postgraduate School.

Upon completion of P-3C Fleet Replacement Squadron training, Jon joined Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, located at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. He served as the NFO Training Officer squadron and flew missions in support of OIF, Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), and Operation Enduring Freedom-Horn of Africa (OEF-HOA). During his tour with the "Grey Knights" he was designated a Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) and honored to receive the 2009 Naval Air Forces Pacific NFO of the Year award.

Jon reported to Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 10 as a Weapons and Tactics Unit Instructor in February 2010. He served as the lead WTI for advanced tactics and technologies, and completed Joint Professional Military Education Phase I with the Air Command and Staff College during this tour.

In March 2012, he reported to VP-4 located at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, where he served as the Administrative Officer, Training Officer, Detachment Officer in Charge, and Maintenance Officer. He completed two expeditionary deployments with the "Skinny Dragons", in support of OEF, OEF-HOA, and various North Atlantic Treaty Organization missions.

Jon reported to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii in February 2015. While on staff he served as the Operations, Plans, and Readiness Officer within the Manpower and Personnel Directorate, as the Navy Element Executive Officer, and as a joint planning representative to the Deployable Joint Force Augmentation Cell. In May 2015, he deployed with Joint Task Force 505 (JTF-505) supporting Operation SAHAYOGI HAAT, the United States' military Foreign Humanitarian Assistance response to a catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Nepal.

In November 2017, Jon was selected as a Navy Legislative Fellow in Washington D.C, and served in the personal office of a member of the United States House of Representatives in the 115th Congress. During this tour on Capitol Hill he supported the Chairwoman of the House appropriations Defense Subcommittee, assisting in the passage of fiscal year 2018 and 2019 defense appropriations legislation. In January 2019, Jon reported to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Legislative Affairs, where he served as a Congressional Liaison, advising the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense, and supporting staff on relations with Members of Congress and the Defense Committees.

Jon joined the Blue Angels in September 2021. He has accumulated more than 3,200 flight hours and 168 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, two Strike/Flight Air Medals, four Navy Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, five Navy Achievement Medals, and various personal and unit and service awards.