



Reserve Forces Policy Board

Captain Billy D. Franklin
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CAPT Billy D. Franklin graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May 1996 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in History. He earned his Naval Flight Officer wings in November 1997, and graduated from the EA-6B Weapons School in 2001. He has a master's in Public Administration from the University of Management and Technology, and is a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a 2024 MIT Seminar XXI Fellow.

Operationally, he flew with VAQ-133, VAQ-209 and Carrier Air Wing TWENTY deploying overseas to Iraq and Afghanistan. In March of 2002, he was selected as an EA-6B Flight Instructor and reported to VAQ-129 where he trained and instructed new pilots on carrier landings.



Ashore, he served as the Flag Aide to the Chief of Navy Reserve, and in the Pentagon on the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the Electronic Warfare Assessments Branch Head and later as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Force Application and Support, J8. He then served on the Chief of Navy Reserve's staff in the Strategic Plans and Policy Department. In 2016 he moved overseas to Bahrain as the Reserve Program Director for the 5th Fleet. His last assignment was as the Chief of Staff / Executive Assistant to the Chief of Navy Reserve

His previous command tours include; Navy Reserve Center Indianapolis (2014-2016), Navy Reserve Center Great Lakes (2019-2021), Commander Navy Reserve Region Great Lakes (2021-2023).

He is a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College and the Air Command and Staff College distant learning program. He is a former member of the Navy Reserve Policy Board, and a current member of the Secretary of the Navy's National Navy Reserve Policy Board. He is grateful to have served with outstanding Sailors, colleagues and friends whose exceptional teamwork have enabled him to wear the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, along with numerous unit awards. He is married to the former Heidi Lasmanis of Annapolis, Maryland and they have three children Abigail, William, and David.

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