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Lieutenant Ronny Hafeza is a native of Redondo Beach, CA. He graduated from South Torrance High School lettering in Track and Cross Country. After high school, he attended the University of Colorado at Boulder and graduated from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, emphasizing in Power Electronics and Electromagnetic Energy Conversion. Post-graduation, he worked as an Electrical Engineer based in San Diego, California until February 2017 when he reported to Newport, Rhode Island for Officer Candidate School, receiving his commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy in May 2017.

Ronny then reported to Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola for Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API) in July 2017 while completing Introductory Flight School (IFS) flying the Cessna 152 and Cessna 172. He then transferred to NAS Whiting Field, Florida for Primary flight training in the T-6B Texan II, and subsequently NAS Kingsville, Texas for Intermediate and Advanced flight training in the T-45C Goshawk where he completed his initial carrier qualification. In May 2020, Ronny was designated as a Naval Aviator and received his Wings of Gold.

Reporting to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 122, the "Flying Eagles," in NAS Lemoore, California in July 2020, Ronny began his initial fleet training in the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet. Upon completion in July 2021, he reported to VFA-14, the "Tophatters," where he served as a Schedules Officer, Joint Mission Planning System Officer, Weapons and Tactics Officer, an Avionics and Armaments Division Officer, and Wing Qualified Landing Signal Officer. At the conclusion of his Sea Tour in October 2024, he completed two deployments aboard USS Abraham Lincoln in support of Seventh Fleet operations and Fifth Fleet Defensive Counter Air combat operations. In November 2024, Ronny returned to VFA-122 where he served as an instructor pilot and Landing Signal Officer.

Ronny joined the Blue Angels in September of 2025 and has accumulated over 1,200 flight hours and 230 carrier-arrested landings. His decorations include two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various unit and personal awards. Ronny is a two time "Top Five Nugget" and two time "Top Ten" ball flier for carrier landing performance.