

## CDR CHRIS MEEK | USN

### // Executive Officer

CDR Byron (Chris) Meek hails from Fort Worth, TX. He attended the United States Naval Academy (USNA) and commissioned with the Class of 2007 earning a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. After completing flight school in Pensacola, FL and San Antonio, TX, he earned his Wings of Gold as a Naval Flight Officer in July 2008 and selected the EP-3E.

In March 2009, following initial training at Patrol Squadron THIRTY (VP-30), CDR Meek reported to the Rangers of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron TWO (VQ-2) in Whidbey Island, WA. He completed detachments to U.S. SOUTHERN, CENTRAL, EUROPEAN, and AFRICA Command areas of responsibility. He qualified Instructor Navigator and Mission Commander, amassed 1,675 flight hours, and served as a Maintenance Division Officer.

CDR Meek then reported to USNA to serve as a Company Officer with the Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Program. The LEAD program provided him the opportunity to complete a course of study at the University of Maryland, where in May 2013, he earned his Master of Professional Studies in Leadership Education and Development. Subsequently, he took charge of 20th Company where his Midshipmen excelled in USNA's moral, mental, and physical missions finishing each semester among the top two of 30 companies. His major collaterals included two years on the Admissions Board and one year as the 4th Battalion Executive Officer.

CDR Meek completed his disassociated tour aboard USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) from July 2015 to July 2017 where he served as an Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) Officer. He completed a full complement of workups and a combat deployment to U.S. CENTRAL, EUROPEAN, and AFRICA Command areas of responsibility. Further, he served as the V-2 ALRE Division Officer and qualified CVN Assistant Air Officer ("Micro Boss"). In August 2017, he reported to Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command where he served as an Assistant Battle Watch Captain, Fleet Watch Officer, and Deputy Director of the Fleet Command Center in the N3 (Operations) Directorate.

In September 2020, he reported to the Blackjacks of Tactical Air Control Squadron TWO ONE (VTC-21) for his Department Head tour. During this tour, he led a detachment aboard USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) on a combat deployment to U.S. EUROPEAN Command area of responsibility as the acting Officer in Charge. He completed his tour as the squadron Operations Officer. CDR Meek reported to the Deployable Training Division, Joint Training Directorate, J7, The Joint Staff where he deployed in support of Combatant Command-level exercises.

Chris joined the Blue Angels in September 2025. His personal awards include the Air Medal (third strike/flight), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (1) and various other unit and personal decorations. He is a Joint Qualified Officer.