

LT GARRETT HOPKINS | USN

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Lieutenant Garrett Hopkins is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, and graduated from South Mecklenburg High School in 1997. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and completed basic training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois, in February 2002. Garrett earned his Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle University in March 2009 and his Masters of Business Administration from Washington State University in May 2018.

Garrett attended Aviation Electronics Technician "A" School and reported to the USS Enterprise (CVN 65), where he completed deployments in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. He was promoted to Aviation Electronics Technician Second Class Petty Officer under the Command Advancement Program in May 2005 and was selected as the command's 2006 Junior Sailor of the Year. In October 2007, he reported to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Calibration Center (MARCC); a division of the Norfolk Naval Shipyards, as the Avionics Test Set Work Center Supervisor and was selected as the 2008 Junior Sailor of the Year. and reported to Officer Candidate School in Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island, where he earned his commissioned as an Ensign in December 2009.

After completing the Naval Aviation Maintenance Officer course, Garrett reported to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 103, the "Jolly Rogers", at NAS Oceana in March 2010. While assigned to VFA-103, he served as the Material Control Officer, Assistance Maintenance Officer and Quality Assurance Officer. He completed combat deployments aboard the USS Eisenhower (CVN 69) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and was selected as the 2011 Jolly Rogers Ground Officer of the Year.

Garrett then reported to Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Detachment Jacksonville, Florida, in August 2013, where he served as Airframes Division Officer, Aviation Survival Division Officer, Legal Officer and Maintenance Material Control Officer. Garrett was selected as the 2014 FRCSE Maintenance Officer of the Year, designated a Professional Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer, and earned his PAMO pin in August 2015. In February 2016, Garrett was directed to serve as the Maintenance Officer of Strike Fighter Wing Pacific Detachment Fallon, and provided direct aviation maintenance support to the U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) in Fallon, Nevada.

Garrett joined the Blue Angels in September 2017. His decorations include two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, six Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various personal and unit awards.

