

Lieutenant Samuel Rose, United States Navy

Lieutenant Samuel Rose is a native of Whitehouse, Texas, and graduated from Whitehouse High School in 1998. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and completed basic training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois, in 1998.

Samuel completed Aviation Structural Mechanic (Structures) "A" School at Naval Aviation Technical Training Center, Pensacola, Florida, and reported to Strike Fighter Attack Squadron (VFA) 106, the "Gladiators," at Naval Air Station (NAS) Cecil Field, Florida, where he served in the First Lieutenant, Line, and Airframes divisions.

Samuel reported to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 2, the "Bounty Hunters," at NAS Oceana, Virginia, in 2001, where he served as Airframes and Line Supervisor. While assigned to VFA-2, he completed two deployments to the Western Pacific/Arabian Gulf aboard USS Constellation (CVN 64) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Southern Watch.

Samuel was selected to join the Blue Angels at NAS Pensacola in November 2004, and served as Airframes Leading Petty Officer, Quality Assurance Representative, and a Jet Assisted Take-Off (JATO) Safety Observer.

Samuel reported to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 102, the "Diamondbacks," at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, in January 2009, where he served as Flight Deck Coordinator, Maintenance Control, Airframes, and Line Division Leading Petty Officer. While assigned to VFA-102, Samuel deployed to the Western Pacific aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73) numerous times. The squadron also won a Battle "E" Award, CNO Safety awards, and Golden Wrench awards.

Samuel was selected for the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) Program in January 2011 and commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. After completing the LDO indoctrination and the Naval Aviation Maintenance Program course, Samuel reported to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 103, the “Jolly Rogers”, at NAS Oceana in April 2011, where he served as the Quality Assurance Officer, Assistant Maintenance Officer, and Maintenance Material Control Officer. While assigned to VFA-103, he completed two combat deployments to the Arabian Gulf aboard USS Eisenhower (CVN 69) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Samuel then reported to Fleet Readiness Center Detachment Jacksonville, Florida, in April 2014, where he served as Airframes Division Officer and Quality Assurance Officer.

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