

Commander Frank Weisser, United States Navy

Commander Frank Weisser is a native of Atlanta and graduated from North Springs High School in 1996, where he lettered in football and track. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in 2000, and was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.

Frank reported to Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, for aviation indoctrination in October 2000. He completed primary flight training in the T-34C Mentor at NAS Whiting Field, Florida, and completed advanced flight training in the T-2C Buckeye and T-45C Goshawk at NAS Meridian, Mississippi. He received his wings of gold in November 2002.

Frank was chosen as a Selectively Retained Graduate and remained with Training Squadron (VT) 7, the "Eagles," at NAS Meridian as an instructor pilot for the T-45C. While assigned to VT-7, he served as the Squadron Facilities Manager and Schedules Officer. In June 2004, Frank reported to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106, the "Gladiators," at NAS Oceana, Virginia, for initial training in the F/A-18C Hornet.

Frank then reported to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 87, the "Golden Warriors," at NAS Oceana, Virginia, in April 2005, where he served as Schedules Officer, Avionics/Armament (AV/ARM) Division Officer, Naval Air Training and Operation Procedures Standardization Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, and Landing Signals Officer. While assigned to VFA-87, Frank deployed aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) in August 2005 and flew 34 combat missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was awarded the Lieutenant Charles Nelson Award for Junior Officer

Leadership, which contributed to VFA-87 winning a 2005 and 2006 Battle “E” Award for sustained superior performance in an operational environment during his tenure.

Frank was selected to join the Blue Angels at NAS Pensacola in September 2007 and served as the Narrator, Key Influencer and VIP Pilot, Opposing Solo, and Lead Solo. While assigned to the Blue Angels, he earned a master's degree in Systems Analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, in September 2009.

Frank returned to the fleet in February 2011 as a Department Head for Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 97, the "Warhawks," at NAS Lemoore, California, where he served as Safety Officer, Administrative Officer, Operations Officer, and Maintenance Officer. While assigned to VFA-97, Frank completed two deployments aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) to the Western Pacific/Arabian Gulf in support of Operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom. VFA-97 won a 2013 Battle “E” Award during his tenure.

Frank then reported to NATO School Oberammergau, Germany, in December 2013. While assigned to the school, Frank was Director of Mobile Training and Education, oversaw all NATO School Oberammergau training activities throughout the world, and personally conducted training in Ethiopia, France, Germany, and Ukraine.

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