

***NROTC Unit: Mid-South Region Consortium
University of Memphis and University of Mississippi
Commander Philip L. Brown, Executive Officer***



Commander Brown graduated from Messiah College in 2002 as a collegiate athlete with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and a high school Mathematics Teaching Certificate. Putting his teaching career on hold, he joined the Navy and received his commission from Officer Candidate School at NAS Pensacola, FL in November 2002.

Selected for the Naval Flight Officer pipeline, Ensign Brown winged in March 2004. He was selected to fly the S-3B Viking and became a VS-22 Checkmate in his first operational squadron at NAS Jacksonville, FL.

Lieutenant Brown completed multiple deployments onboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) and the community's first land-based deployment to Al Asad Air Base, Iraq before he sundowned VS-22, the Navy's last remaining S-3B squadron, in February 2009.

Lieutenant Brown transitioned to the F/A-18F Super Hornet, deploying twice with the VFA-211 Checkmates in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, and ENDURING FREEDOM. These deployments marked the historic final deployments of USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) in 2011 and 2012.

As a Department Head, he joined the Bounty Hunters of VFA-2 where he embarked on USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76), USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73), and USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) for various exercises, work-ups, and deployments from 2014 to 2016.

Lieutenant Commander Brown next attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA where he earned his MBA and completed JPME I in June 2018.

Rotating back to sea duty, Commander Brown served as the Air Operations Officer onboard the U.S. Navy's newest and the world's most technologically advanced aircraft carrier, the USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN 78).

Commander Brown currently serves as Executive Officer for the NROTC Mid-South Region Consortium consisting of the University of Memphis and the University of Mississippi.

Commander Brown has amassed 2,700 flight hours with 554 traps on eight different aircraft carriers. His decorations include the Air Medal (five awards), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), as well as various unit, service, and campaign awards.