

CAPTAIN ROBERT A. MCNAUGHT, UNITED STATES NAVY

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Captain McNaught graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and earned his Masters in Analytical Chemistry in 1977 from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. He received his commission at Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL., and earned his Naval Flight Officer Wings of gold in August 1980. Captain McNaught is a 1995 graduate of the United States Naval War College, earning a master of science in national security and strategic studies. In 2000, he was honored as a recipient of the National Defense University's MacArthur Foundation Award while attending the United States Joint Forces Staff College.

His sea duty and squadron assignments include operational tours flying EA-6B Prowler carrier-based aircraft in Electronic Attack Squadron 131 and 130, another tour in 131, and the command of Electronic Attack Squadron 141. Following his command tour, he served as Air Officer aboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65). Having deployed to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf, North Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans, he participated in numerous contingency operations, including Urgent Fury, Multinational Peace Keeping Force, Lebanon, Southern Watch, Restore Hope, Deliberate Guard, Allied Force and Desert Fox.

Shore assignments include Electronic Attack Squadron 129 as flight instructor and EA-6B ADVCAP Fleet Project Team member. Staff officer tours include Chief of Naval Operations (OP-01) Officer Plans and Policy. Captain McNaught served in Headquarters, Supreme Allied Command Atlantic (SACLANT), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's multinational strategic command in Norfolk, VA. His most recent command tour was Commanding Officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam and Chief of Staff to US Naval Forces Marianas. He assumed command of Holy Cross NROTC Unit in August 2005.

Captain McNaught logged more than 3,200 flight hours and over 1,000 carrier-arrested landings in the EA-6B aircraft. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (S/F), three awards of the Navy Commendation Medal, two awards of the Navy Achievement Medal and numerous other unit, campaign and service awards.