

COMMANDER JOHN K. BISHOP, UNITED STATES NAVY

CDR Bishop was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana and graduated from Ball State University with a BS Degree in Industrial Technology. He received his commission through the Aviation Officer Candidate Program in February 1983 and was designated a Naval Flight Officer in June 1984.

His initial tour was with the “Blue Dragons” of Patrol Squadron FIFTY located at NAS Moffett Field, California. While attached to VP-50, he served as Legal Officer, Avionics Branch, Av/Arm Division, and Assistant Tactics and was designated as Tactical Coordinator and Mission Commander. He completed two deployments to Diego Garcia, BIOT. In August 1988, he reported to Patrol Squadron THIRTY-ONE, the West Coast FRS. As a P3C Instructor, his responsibilities included FMS Transition Coordinator, Assistant NFO Training, and NFO Training with collateral duties as alternate CNAP Evaluator.

In April 1991, he joined the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) in the Red Sea following Operation DESERT STORM, and completed the deployment in support of Operation PROVIDE COMFORT in the Mediterranean Sea. As Assistant Navigator, he qualified as Officer of the Deck and Assistant Command Duty Officer (in port). The TR’s Navigation Department won Navigation “E” honors during his tenure on board. Following his carrier tour, he reported to the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island and was enrolled in the College of Naval Command and Staff. In March 1994, he received a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Following aviation refresher training at VP-30, he joined the “Skinny Dragons” of Patrol Squadron FOUR at NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii. During his Department Head tour, he served as Tactics, Assistant Maintenance, and Maintenance Officer and re-qualified as a Tactical Coordinator and Mission Commander. He also served as primary NFO CNAP Evaluator, surpassing 2700 total flight hours in P3C Orion aircraft and completed one deployment to NAF Misawa, Japan. VP-4 received both the “Golden Wrench” award for excellence in Aviation Maintenance as well as the Battle “E” during his tenure in the squadron.

In April 1996, he joined the staff of Commander, Patrol Wings, U.S. Pacific Fleet as OIC of the Tactical Training Team. In September 1999, he reported onboard NAF Misawa, Japan as Executive Officer. His next assignments were on the NAVEUR and Navy Region Europe Staffs in London, England which included a homeport change to Naples, Italy in 2004. His duties included Operations Department Command Duty Officer during Operations IRAQI and ENDURING FREEDOM and as CNRE Air Operations Officer and Chief of Staff. In July 2006, he reported aboard NROTC Unit College of the Holy Cross as Executive Officer.