

CAPTAIN BILL BULIS U.S. NAVY

Joint Base Deputy Commander
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

A native of Long Island, New York, Captain Bulis was commissioned in May, 1990 upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He was designated a Naval Aviator in September 1993 and proceeded to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 120 (VAW-120), the E2C Hawkeye Fleet Replacement Squadron.



Flying the E2-C Hawkeye, he completed his initial sea tour in the VAW-121 Bluetails serving in the Operations and Maintenance Departments and earning his Landing Signal Officer Wing Qualification. During this tour he deployed in USS George Washington in support of OPERATIONS DECISIVE ENDEAVOR and SOUTHERN WATCH.

Captain Bulis' Landing Signal Officer (LSO) tours include the staff of the Landing Signal Officer School at NAS Oceana from November 1997 through April 2000 as Operations Officer and instructor LSO; the CARRIER AIR WING SEVEN (CVW-7) staff as Staff LSO from April 2000 until October 2001, deploying in USS EISENHOWER in support of operations in the Mediterranean Sea, Adriatic Sea and Arabian Gulf in support of OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH; and from October 2001 until July 2002, as FORCE LSO for the Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

In July of 2002 he joined the "Sun Kings" of VAW-116 in Point Mugu, California serving as Operations Officer deploying in USS Constellation in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Following deployment, he served as Maintenance Officer during the Sun Kings' transition to the Hawkeye 2000 aircraft.

Ashore, Captain Bulis was selected to attend the Naval War College's College of Naval Command and Staff, and earned his M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies in 2005 as a resident student. Following graduation, he joined the staff of the White House Military Office as the Successor and Staff Support Program Manager, working on policy and inter-governmental coordination.

In May 2007, Captain Bulis reported to the "REDHAWKS" of VT-21 as the Executive Officer and took command in August 2008. After a successful command tour training future Navy and Marine Corps Strike Aviators, he reported to USS HARRY S. TRUMAN, CVN-75 as "Air Boss" in February 2010. He completed Truman's highly successful 2010 combat deployment supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and NEW DAWN and, following deployment, TRUMAN's 15 month overhaul in Norfolk Naval Ship Yard.

Captain Bulis was assigned as the deputy commander of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. June 21, 2012. Captain Bulis' individual military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Strike Flight Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medals (four awards, one with Combat 'V') the Navy Achievement Medal, as well as various service medals and ribbons. He has logged more than 2,800 flight hours and 480 arrested landings on 11 different aircraft carriers.