



Captain Annie Otten Deputy Commander, NAF Washington DC

Captain Annie Otten is a native of Port Orchard, Washington, and graduated from Washington State University in 2004. She was commissioned through the ROTC program and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, with an emphasis in International Relations and a minor in History. Captain Otten is a 2024 graduate from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy at the National Defense University where she earned a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy. She is currently a Fellow with MIT Seminar XXI focused on national security policy development.



Designated as a Naval Aviator in May 2006, Captain Otten flew the SH-60B Seahawk with the "Battle Cats" of HSL-43 in San Diego, CA. CAPT Otten deployed with detachments aboard USS Ingraham (FG 61) and USS Howard (DDG 83) participating in Armed Surveillance and Reconnaissance in support of the Fifth Fleet Maritime Security Operations, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Counter-Piracy Operations.

Captain Otten's additional flying tours included flying with Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN (HT-18) at NAS Whiting Field, FL as an instructor pilot in the TH-57 where the squadron received two CNO Aviation Safety Awards, the VADM Towers Safety Award and the Grampaw Pettibone Media Award. Captain Otten was also awarded the Pensacola Lions Club HT-18 Flight Instructor of the year for 2012. Dedicated to teaching students how to fly helicopters, she flew again with HT-18 as a Department Head and flight instructor. Captain Otten had the honor of leading the Eightballers of Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT (HT-8) as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer. During the tour she led the squadron through an aircraft transition from the TH-57 to the TH-73 and the squadron was awarded the Admiral John H. Towers Flight Safety Award. She has accumulated over 2,800 flight hours in naval aircraft.

Her staff tours include Protocol Officer to the Commander, United States Fleet Forces Command where she transitioned to the Navy Reserve as a Training and Administration of the Reserve officer. Additionally, she served as Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) Program Manager and Executive Assistant to Commander, Naval Air Force Reserve (CNAFR). Most recently, Captain Otten was the Director of Reserve Matters at the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (ASN (M&RA)).

CAPT Otten's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards) along with various service and campaign ribbons.