



BIOGRAPHY



Captain Richard A. Braunbeck III

Commanding Officer

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division

Captain Rick Braunbeck assumed command of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division on Oct. 13, 2017. As Commanding Officer, he leads more than 3,200 Sailors, Navy civilians and support contractors in Corona's critical mission as the independent assessment and analysis agent responsible for gauging warfighting capability in U.S. Navy ships and aircraft; as the metrology and calibration technical agent for the Navy and Marine Corps; and as the range systems engineering agent supporting Navy and Marine Corps tactical training ranges and managing the Live-Virtual-Constructive Training Environment.



Braunbeck joined the Navy in 1986 and attended Recruit Training at Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla., where he also completed Naval Nuclear Power School. In 1988, after completing Nuclear Prototype training in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., he was assigned to the Reactor Department aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) in Norfolk, Va. In 1990, he received orders to Old Dominion University assigned to NROTC Unit Hampton Roads, Va. There, he received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering with a minor in physical oceanography.

Following his commissioning in 1995 he was assigned to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., where he attended Aviation Preflight Indoctrination followed by Primary Flight Training at NAS Whiting Field, Fla. After initial flight training, complications prevented him from continuing service in a pilot status. While waiting further assignment, he studied Electronic Warfare Advanced Applications and Cryptology at NTTC Corry Station, Fla.

In 1997, he was selected as an Aerospace Maintenance Duty Officer, followed by an assignment to Naval Station Rota, Spain. At AIMD Rota, he performed duties as Support Equipment Officer and Power Plants Officer. Upon returning to the United States in 1998, he was assigned to VF-211 based at NAS Oceana, Va., and deployed aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).

In 2001, Braunbeck took Charge of Strike Fighter Wing Pacific Maintenance Unit in El Centro, Calif. During his tour as Officer in Charge, he led the Dessert Rattlers in support of Strike Phase Training of AIRPAC and AIRLANT Fleet Replacement Squadrons.

In 2004, he attended the School of Business and Public Policy at Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. At NPS he conducted research on Logistical Operations During Crisis Management receiving an MBA. After graduation in 2006, Braunbeck reported to USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) in Norfolk serving as Maintenance Material Control Officer and Assistant Maintenance Officer.

In 2008, Braunbeck was assigned as the Assistant Program Manager for Logistics for the Consolidated Automated Support System at NAVAIR's PMA260. In 2010, he led the Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68) in San Diego, Calif., and Bremerton, Wash. As Maintenance Officer, he provided support for CVW-11 and Nimitz Carrier Strike Group.

In 2012, Braunbeck served as the NAVAIR Maintenance Officer and Deputy Aircraft Controlling Custodian Officer. In September 2014, he took command of Fleet Readiness Center Northwest, Whidbey Island, Wash. Since October 2016, he has been assigned to NAVAIRSYSCOM 6.6 as the Military Director for Logistics Management Integration.

He holds Level III Acquisition Certification in Program Management, Logistics, and Production Quality & Manufacturing. Awards include Meritorious Service Medal (4), Navy Commendation Medal (2), and Navy Achievement Medal (2). Braunbeck is married with two children.