



CAPT Steve Deal

**Commander, Patrol and
Reconnaissance Wing TEN**

Born in Norfolk, Virginia, Steve Deal entered the United States Navy through the Virginia Tech Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, was commissioned in May 1989, and earned designation as a Naval Aviator in October 1990.

Operational tours include Patrol Squadron ONE, Barbers Point, Hawaii; Communications Department Head and Officer of the Deck (Underway) in USS CONSTELLATION, homeported in San Diego, California; Patrol Squadron ONE in Whidbey Island, Washington; and Executive Assistant to the Commander, United States THIRD Fleet in USS CORONADO and Point Loma, California.

Staff duty assignments include Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, Naval Forces Korea; Flag Aide to the Commander, Naval Base Charleston, South Carolina; Fleet Replacement Squadron Instructor Pilot and Force Safety Officer, Patrol Squadron THIRTY, in Jacksonville, Florida; and the following billets in Washington, D.C: Deputy Executive Assistant to the Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98); Special Assistant (Speechwriter) to the Chief of Naval Operations (2004-5); and Chief Speechwriter for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (2008-9).

Previous Command assignments were Commanding Officer, Patrol Squadron FOUR SEVEN, both in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii and Ali Air Base, Iraq; and Commander, Provincial Reconstruction Team Khost, Afghanistan, at Forward Operating Bases Chapman and Salerno, under Task Force RAKKASAN (3/101st Airborne) and Task Force DUKE (3/1st Infantry).

He was honored to be inducted as an Honorary Chief Petty Officer by the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, upon recommendation of the VP-47 Chiefs' Mess in Ali Air Base, Iraq, on May 2, 2008. Due to the heroic efforts of every member of his command, Deal was named a Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale Leadership Award Finalist in 2008.

He holds a Master of Business Administration from Jacksonville University, a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College, and a Bachelor of Arts from Virginia Tech.

His personal awards include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4), Air Medal (4), Navy Commendation Medal (6), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.