

***Commander John R. Reiner***  
***Executive Officer, NROTCU - Nebraska***

Commander Reiner is a native of Yankton, South Dakota. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, attaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and commissioning as an ensign in May of 2003. He earned his Naval Aviator wings in June 2005 and reported to the “Warhawks” of Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron (HS) 10 for initial training in the SH-60F/HH-60H Seahawk Helicopter.

CDR Reiner’s sea duty commenced in 2006 with an operational assignment to the “Nightdippers” of HS-5. He deployed aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, serving sequentially as the squadron Aviation Safety Officer and Administrative Officer. CDR Reiner assumed the duties of a Department Head with the “Black Knights” of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 4 in 2015, deploying aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73) in support of Operation Southern Seas and USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) in the 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of operations. He filled the positions of Administrative, Training, Maintenance and Operations Officer with HSC-4.



Ashore, CDR Reiner served with the “Merlins” of HSC-3 as the Naval Aviation Training and Operations Standardization Officer and a Fleet Instructor Pilot for the MH-60S. He deployed as an Individual Augmentee, from 2010-2011, to United States Forces-Afghanistan, J3 Air Division. He coordinated aviation basing plans and tracked medical evacuation operations throughout the Afghanistan area of operations. CDR Reiner then served as Deputy Mission Commander for the Open Skies Division at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency from 2012-2014. Post Department Head tour, CDR Reiner reported to United States Strategic Command, serving as both the Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff and the Operational Planning Team lead for Conventional Support to Nuclear Operations. In August 2021 he took a position with the National Airborne Operations Center as the Command Center Operations Chief for Operations Team THREE. He conducting airborne/ground alert missions as a worldwide deployable component of the National Military Command System to execute tasking from the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. CDR Reiner reported as the Executive Officer for the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in August 2023.

CDR Reiner resides in Papillion, Nebraska with his wife Nichole and sons Jack, James, and Joseph. His personnel awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), the Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 awards), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4 awards).