

NROTCU NEBRASKA COMMANDING OFFICER

CAPT Orlando S. Bowman

CAPT Bowman followed in his father's footsteps, a retired Senior Chief Petty Officer from Owensboro Kentucky, and enlisted in the United States Navy. He reported to Recruit Training Command Orlando, Florida in November of 1989.

Upon graduation from Aviation Ordnance 'A' School, he reported to Fighter Squadron 101 (VF-101) GRIM REAPERS. He then reported to the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69) where he earned the rank of AO1 (AW). In 1996, he was selected to the Enlisted Commissioning Program.

CAPT Bowman was commissioned an Ensign in July, 1999 through the University of Maryland. Afloat, he served in USS BATAAN (LHD-5) as Gunnery Officer and 2nd Division Officer. During this time, he was selected for Department Head via the Early Roller program. His first department head tour was Operations Officer in USS TORTUGA (LSD-46).

He then was the Commanding Officer of USS SIROCCO (PC-6), Crew Golf where he deployed in support of oil platform defense. His next sea tour was as the Executive Officer in USS OAK HILL (LSD-51) from August 2013- March 2015 and then as the Commanding Officer USS OAK HILL (LSD 51) from March 2015 – August 2016.

Ashore, CAPT Bowman served as Flag Lieutenant to Commander Amphibious Group Two; EA to Seamanship & Navigation Instructor at the United States Naval Academy; Placement Officer, Bureau of Naval Personnel; Amphibious Module Instructor Tactical Training Group Atlantic; Amphibious Lead Carrier Strike Group 4; United States Strategic Command J37 Division Chief for Nuclear Concepts and Procedures and Battle Watch Commander.

CAPT Bowman holds a Bachelor's Degree (Criminal Justice & Criminology) from University of Maryland at College Park, Masters of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

CAPT Bowman's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (seven awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), Navy Good Conduct Medal (three awards) and various campaign and service awards.

