

CAPT (RET) William Bindel Biography

Captain Bindel was born in El Paso, Texas and raised in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is married to the former Tamma Denise Morris of San Diego, CA. They have two beautiful daughters, Jessica and Jordan. Captain Bindel enlisted in the United States Navy in December 1980 and trained as an Aviation Ordnanceman at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, TN. After "A" School training he reported to A-6 Aviation Maintenance Training with the "Green Pawns" of VA-42, NAS Oceana, VA, then transferred to VA-42 Ordnance Work Center. In January 1984, he reported to the "Black Panthers" of VA-35, NAS Oceana, VA, and made two Mediterranean deployments and a North Atlantic deployment onboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68).

In March 1987, Captain Bindel transferred to Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department, Naval Air Station Cecil Field, FL. During this tour, he was selected as NAS Cecil Field's 1988 Sailor of the Year and initiated into the Chief Petty Officer ranks in September 1989. In November 1989, he returned to A-6's with the "Sunday Punchers" of VA-75, NAS Oceana, VA. In August 1990, he deployed to the Red Sea in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD onboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).

In January 1991, he was commissioned an Ensign through the Limited Duty Officer program and successfully completed Officer Indoctrination at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL, then he reported to the "Blue Blasters" of VA-34, Naval Air Station Oceana, VA. He subsequently deployed to the Arabian Gulf onboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) for Operation DESERT STORM and post hostility contingency operations. Additionally, during this tour, he completed "Shake Down" cruise as a Plank owner onboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73).

In January 1994 Captain Bindel transferred to the Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group Atlantic, Detachment Oceana, VA. As the Weapons Department Head, he was tasked with establishing the East Coast Mobile Ordnance Training Team (MOTT) which conducted weapons assembly procedures on all Atlantic Fleet aircraft carriers and shore-based weapons stations.

From January 1996 to April 1999, he was assigned to USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64), Naval Air Station North Island, CA. as the G-3 Division Officer. He deployed for seven months to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH before reporting to Naval Aviation Schools Command, NAS Pensacola, FL as an Aviation Ordnance Officer Career Progression "Ordnance University" Instructor. During this tour, he earned the Master Training Specialist designation.

Captain Bindel was assigned to USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65), Naval Station Norfolk, VA from October 2001 to April 2004 as the Ordnance Handling Officer. After a comprehensive 15 month Extended Dry-dock Selected Restricted Availability, he deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation's ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM. In May 2004, he assumed duties as Officer in Charge of the Ordnance Handling Safety Assistance Team (OHSAT), Norfolk, VA.

From August 2005 to August 2008, he was assigned to USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75), Naval Station Norfolk, VA as the Weapons Department Head (Gun Boss). During this assignment, he

deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and Maritime Security Operations. Captain Bindel was then assigned to Commander, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD from September 2008 to September 2011 as the Senior Fleet Weapons Liaison Officer in Program Executive Office Unmanned Aviation & Strike Weapons (PEO U&W).

From October 2011 to June 2013 Captain Bindel was assigned to Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic, Norfolk, VA as the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Officer (Gun Boss). From July 2013 to July 2017, he was assigned to Commander, Naval Air Forces/Commander, Naval Air Force, Pacific, San Diego, CA as the Force Gun Boss. His final assignment was to the Joint Information Operation Warfare Center, San Antonio, TX as the Division Chief, Strategic Operations Division. He then retired in October 2019.

Captain Bindel holds a Master of Science Degree from Columbia Southern University in Organizational Leadership, Level III Certification in Program Management, Life Cycle Logistics, and Production, Quality and Manufacturing from the Defense Acquisition University and is an Acquisition Core Professional. He was the "Silver Eagle" senior Limited Duty Officer, as well as "Red One" senior Aviation Ordnanceman in the United States Navy. His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3), Navy Commendation Medal (6), and Navy Achievement Medal (3) as well as numerous campaign and service medals.