



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Mark "Beave" Leavitt Commander, Naval Safety Center

Rear Adm. Mark Leavitt is a native of New England and son of a United States Marine Corps sergeant major. He is a graduate of Florida State University (FSU), in Tallahassee, Florida, and enlisted as an aviation reserve officer candidate in April 1982. Upon graduation from FSU, he entered Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida. He was designated a naval aviator in June 1986 at Naval Air Station (NAS) Meridian, Mississippi.

Leavitt completed operational assignments with the "Blue Blasters" of Attack Squadron (VA) 34 and Commander, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7 assigned as the senior staff landing signals officer, both based in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

His shore assignments include Fleet Replacement instructor pilot duty with the "Green Pawns" of VA-42. His command tours include: Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 56; Training Air Wing 2 Reserve Component; Chief of Naval Air Training Reserve Component; and Joint Transportation Reserve Unit Navy Element, United States Transportation Command. He has also served as deputy Reserve component commander, Navy Region Midwest.

In October 2011, Leavitt was promoted to flag rank. He has commanded Naval Air Force Reserve and the Naval Air Training Command and served as reserve director of Warfare Integration (OPNAV N9I) and reserve deputy director, Maritime Operations U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

In March 2018, Leavitt assumed his current position as Commander, Naval Safety Center.

Leavitt has accumulated over 5,000 hours in multiple naval aircraft. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and other personal and unit awards and citations.



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