



Captain Brent Breining, USN Director of Navy Wounded Warrior — Safe Harbor

Captain Brent Breining is the Director of Navy Wounded Warrior — Safe Harbor, where he oversees the non-medical care of more than 1,350 seriously wounded, ill, and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, and provides resources and support to their families. Through proactive leadership, the program provides individually tailored assistance designed to optimize the success of enrollees' recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration activities. Its goal is to return Sailors and Coast Guardsmen to duty and, when that is not possible, to work collaboratively with federal agencies and state and local organizations to ease them back into their communities.

A native of Naperville, Illinois, he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1990 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, and was designated a Naval Flight Officer in October 1991.

His operational tours include assignments with the “Patriots” of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 140 deploying aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73), the “Gray Wolves” of VAQ 142 deploying to Prince Sultan Air Base in support of the 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing, and Strike Operations Officer for Carrier Group Six (CCG 6) deploying aboard USS John F Kennedy (CV 67). His command tour was with the “Black Ravens” of VAQ 135 deploying aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68). He has supported combat Operations Deny Flight, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

His shore tours include instructor duty with the “Vikings” of VAQ 129; in-residence education at the Air Command and Staff College in Montgomery, Alabama; joint duty as Chief of the Flying Hour Program Office for U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa, Florida; and assignment as the 2010 Defense Legislative Fellow for Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) in Washington, D.C. His most recent tour was at the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) in Washington, D.C., where he served as a division chief with the Defense Combating Terrorism Center and Senior DIA Liaison to the Director for Strategic Operational Planning at the National Counterterrorism Center. He is a 2011 graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College, and earned a Master of Public Administration from Auburn University Montgomery in 2002.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Air Medal (four Strike/Flight awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal (four awards). He has logged over 2,500 flight hours and 600 carrier arrested landings on six different carriers.