

Captain Russell McLachlan
United States Navy



Captain Russell McLachlan grew up in Milton, Florida and was commissioned an Ensign in 1987 through the ROTC program at Auburn University. After completing flight training at Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 110 (VAW 110) in San Diego, he was designated a naval flight officer (NFO) in 1989, flying the Navy's only command and control platform, the E-2C Hawkeye.

Captain McLachlan completed his first squadron tour in VAW 117 from 1990 until 1993, deploying onboard USS ENTERPRISE and USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN. He returned to sea duty as the assistant navigator onboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON from 1996 until 1998. His next squadron tour was his department head tour with VAW 124 in Norfolk, Virginia, where he served as Operations Officer until November 2000.

Ashore, he served as an NFO instructor in VAW 110 and VAW 120 from 1993 until 1996. He attended the Air Command and Staff College and obtained a Masters in International Relations while stationed at Maxwell AFB, Alabama in 1999. Additionally, he served as the placement officer (human resources and distribution) for the VAW and VRC communities at the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee from November 2000 until June 2003. From there, he deployed as an IA to the 5th Fleet staff for Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM.

Captain McLachlan assumed duties as Executive Officer of VAW 121 on 23 April 2004, and assumed command of the squadron on 28 July 2005. He left the squadron in October 2006 and served at Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia as the Emergent Requirements Lead under the J3. He is now a part of the CJCS Afghan Hands program serving in Kabul, Afghanistan at U.S. Forces, Afghanistan.

He is married to the former Kay Whitaker of Milton, Florida. They reside in Chesapeake, Virginia with their three sons, Noah, Caleb and Jacob.

