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Career Overview:

Commander Brian Hasse is a Military Professor of National Security Affairs teaching Foreign Policy Analysis at the United States Naval War College in Newport, RI. He is a career naval aviator with over 3000 hours in the FA-18. During the course of his career, he's deployed six times aboard aircraft carriers conducting operations around the world and has flown over 90 combat missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and the Horn of Africa. Additionally, he has participated in multiple exercises in the Middle Eastern and Indo-Pacific Areas of Operation working with U.S. allies and partners to advance strategic initiatives. He has also served in multiple staff assignments, including a tour at the United States Northern Command, where he advised senior leaders on risk management strategies to enhance the resiliency of critical defense infrastructure and networks. Most recently, he served as the 62nd Commanding Officer of the "Fighting Redcocks" of Strike Fighter Squadron 22 in Lemoore, CA. Commander Hasse's areas of expertise include air warfare, foreign policy analysis, leadership and ethics, and joint operations. His research interests include rational choice theory, cognitive psychology, and automated decision-making tools, along with their impacts on national security and escalation dynamics.

Professional History:

2022-Present. Military Professor at the United States Naval War College, Newport, RI.

- Teaches Foreign Policy Analysis in the National Security Affairs Department to senior level military officers and federal practitioners.
- Executive Assistant to the Foreign Policy Analysis Sub-course Director, manages key curriculum development initiatives and collaborative workflows.

2020-2022. Commanding Officer, Strike Fighter Squadron 22 (VFA-22), Lemoore, CA.

- Commanded an FA-18F Super Hornet squadron composed of 12 FA-18F aircraft and 265 personnel.
- Chief executive of a squadron composed of seasoned aviators, naval officers and enlisted sailors in the operations, maintenance, and administration of the squadron.
- Deployed aboard the USS Nimitz in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve.
- Senior squadron pilot responsible for training squadron aircrew and led multiple combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- As a result of the squadron's performance on deployment, VFA-22 was formally recognized by the Commander of Naval Air Forces as the most outstanding FA-18 squadron in the fleet.

2016-2020. Combatant Command staff officer and Mission Assurance Branch Chief at United States Northern Command, Colorado Springs, CO.

- Responsible for United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) and North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD) Mission Assurance policy, planning, and operations.
- Led the development of risk management strategies across 17 defense-related programs and activities, ensuring the resiliency of DoD critical mission networks.
- Operational planner and crisis action team leader in the USNORTHCOM Future Operations Center. Provided senior decision makers critical decision support tools during multiple joint operational planning efforts and globally integrated exercises.

2015-2016. Student, Naval War College, Newport, RI.

- Studied strategy and warfare, foreign policy analysis, international security, and joint maritime operations. Graduated with Distinction and was in the top 10 of graduating class.

2013-2015. Department Head, Strike Fighter Squadron 213, Virginia Beach, VA.

- Squadron Operations Officer responsible for the training, readiness, and daily operations of the squadron's 34 FA-18 aircrew and 12 FA-18F aircraft.
- Squadron Maintenance officer responsible for the supervision of 215 enlisted sailors and 13 officers in the daily maintenance, management, and budgeting for 12 FA-18F aircraft.
- Qualified as an Air Interdiction Mission Commander, led multiple large-scale airborne combat exercises.
- Deployed aboard the USS George H.W. Bush in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve.
- Senior squadron pilot responsible for the training and readiness of 34 aircrew and led over 30 combat missions in support of contingency operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

2011-2013. Air Staff Officer, Carrier Air Wing 1, Virginia Beach, VA.

- Served as the Air Wing Commander's Strike Operations and Air to Air Warfare Officer. Responsible for the planning and coordination of air wing daily activities including joint, coalition training exercises and contingency operations.
- Deployed aboard the USS Enterprise in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- Staff FA-18 pilot, flew the full complement of missions afforded to the FA-18 Super Hornet and led multiple combat missions in Afghanistan.

2008-2011. FA-18 Flight Instructor, Strike Fighter Squadron 106, Virginia Beach, VA.

- Trained over 300 naval aviators and flight officers in a wide range of tactical mission sets through classroom instruction, simulators, and inflight practical application and instruction in the FA-18.
- Training department phase head responsible for the development and execution of the squadron's academic and flight-based curriculum.

2005-2008. Squadron Officer, Strike Fighter Squadron 41, Lemoore, CA.

- Deployed aboard the USS Nimitz 3 times in support of contingency operations, including Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.
- Qualified as an FA-18 Mission Commander, Combat Division Leader, Joint Terminal Air Controller, and airborne Forward Air Controller.
- Operations specialist responsible for the daily management of aircrew training and readiness.
- Maintenance aircraft division officer responsible for enlisted maintenance personnel's professional training and development.

2002-2005. Initial flight training and advanced FA-18 Strike Fighter training. Pensacola, FL, Meridian, MS, and Lemoore, CA.

- Qualified in 3 different naval aircraft and earned designation as a Naval Aviator.
- Graduated from the FA-18 Fleet Replacement Squadron.

Education:

- B.A., University of Southern California, 2002, Social Science (Psychology Emphasis), International Relations Minor, graduated Cum Laude
- M.A., U.S. Naval War College, 2016, Defense and Strategic Studies, graduated with distinction

- Graduated from Joint Combined Warfighting School, Norfolk, VA, Fall 2022

Areas of Expertise:

- Air Warfare
- Leadership and Decision Making
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Joint Operational Warfare