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Lt. Hilzinger is a native of New York, New York and a 2013 Excelsior College graduate. He holds a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, a certificate in Great Power Competition from the Naval Postgraduate School, and is an honors graduate in Persian Farsi from the Defense Language Institute. He is a member of the Navy Space, Indo-Pacific, and Coaching Cadres.

Hilzinger enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2010 as a Persian Farsi cryptologic linguist, serving in Afghanistan with 1st Radio Battalion as the senior targeting non-commissioned officer in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He earned his commission through the Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island in 2015 and was designated a naval intelligence officer in 2016.

In 2016 Hilzinger reported for his first naval operational tour as the assistant intelligence officer aboard Amphibious Squadron Five, where he qualified as an information warfare officer and Fleet Marine Force officer. He completed a successful 2016-2017 WESTPAC deployment aboard USS Makin Island amphibious ready group as the senior fleet intelligence watch officer. He then volunteered for an individual augmentation deployment as the joint intelligence support element officer in charge for Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

In 2018 Hilzinger reported to Destroyer Squadron Two as the intelligence department head and deployed with Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group on its record-breaking 2019-2020 around-the-world deployment, operating over seven months in the Fifth Fleet area of operations during heightened tensions with Iran. He also served as the first assistant chief of staff for intelligence for Combined Task Force Sentinel in support of Operation Sentinel. In 2020 Hilzinger reported to Information Warfare Training Command San Diego as an instructor. In 2022 Hilzinger reported to The Joint Staff, Deputy Directorate for Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Operations (J-32).

Hilzinger's decorations and awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (4, including non-combat heroism), Joint Service Achievement Medal (2) Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the Knowlton Award, the 2020 Rear Adm. Thomas A. Brooks Intelligence Junior Officer of the Year award, and various other campaign, service and unit awards.

Hilzinger resides in Virginia with his wife and naval public affairs officer, Molly. He is an avid ultrarunner and is proficient in several languages, including Spanish, Farsi, and Dari.

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