



United States Navy Biography

CAPTAIN JAVIER MEDINA Prospective Commanding Officer Assault Craft Unit FOUR

Captain Javier “Javy” Medina is a native of Guayanilla, Puerto Rico. In 1988, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2) and USS Enterprise (CVN-65). Captain Medina obtained his commission through the Enlisted Commissioning Program after graduating from Norfolk State University. His division officer assignments were onboard USS Carr (FFG 52), where he earned his Surface Warfare Officer designator, and later onboard USS San Jacinto (CG 56). Next, he served as Combat Systems Officer onboard USS Hawes (FFG 53). He also took a Principal Assistant tour onboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

Captain Medina served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer Afloat onboard Beachmaster Unit Two (BMU Two). After commander command, he served as Chief Staff Officer at Amphibious Squadron FOUR (PHIBRON FOUR); during the tour, he was hand selected to serve as the Executive Officer onboard USS Wasp (LHD 1).



His shore tours include Afloat Training Group Atlantic (ATGL), Riverine Group One (RIVGRU ONE), Expeditionary Strike Group Two (ESG TWO), Surface Warfare Schools Command (SWSC), and Operational Test and Evaluation Force (OPTEVFOR). His most recent duty assignment was a joint tour in the Joint Staff (J7), Joint Force Development Directorate - Deployable Training Division, where he served as Team Chief. His next duty assignment will be as Commanding Officer, Assault Craft Unit FOUR.

Captain Medina holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science, a master's degree in Public Administration, and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Business Technology with Applied Computer Science.

Captain Medina screened for Major Command Afloat, and he is a Joint Qualified Officer. His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Silver Star in lieu of a 7th award), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (Gold Star in lieu of a 2nd award), Combat Action Ribbon, and various unit and campaign awards.