



Chuck Hollingsworth Captain, U.S. Navy Chief of Naval Air Training

Captain Charles (Chuck) Hollingsworth is a native of Commerce, Texas. After completing one year at East Texas State University, he attended and received his commission from the U. S. Naval Academy. Other educational opportunities include the Air Command and Staff College while concurrently earning a Master's Degree from Troy State University. He also completed the Joint Forces Staff College and the Navy Corporate Business Course at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business.

Sea duty assignments include multiple Maritime Patrol (P-3) squadrons, including command of VP-16 in Jacksonville, Fla. Under his leadership VP-16 was awarded the Battle "E" and Isbell ASW awards while completing a record breaking deployment that included combat operations in the Middle East, counter-drug operations in South America, and anti-submarine operations in the Mediterranean and North Atlantic. Additional sea duty was completed on the staff of Commander, Carrier Group 4, during which Hollingsworth served in every Atlantic-based aircraft carrier.



Shore duty assignments include several Wing Training and Operations Officer jobs in Jacksonville, Fla. and Atsugi, Japan. Following his command tour Hollingsworth served in the Operations Directorate (J3) of the U.S. Joint Forces Command as the Branch Chief for Global Force Management, specifically coordinating the 2007 surge of combat forces to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Hollingsworth then served as Executive Assistant to Commander, Sixth Fleet and Commander, Joint Command Lisbon, operating from Lisbon, Portugal and Naples, Italy.

In support of the Global War on Terror, Hollingsworth has been involved in numerous high profile operations and incidents, including the immediate action after the USS Cole bombing. He was the primary forward point of contact for the EP-3 emergency divert into Hainan, China, coordinating with US Embassy, State Department and DoD agencies to repatriate the EP-3 crew. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Hollingsworth was dispatched to Islamabad, Pakistan, representing U.S. interests to the highest levels of the Pakistani government. He established a military liaison cell with the Pakistani government, while identifying forward operating bases throughout Pakistan and coordinating air, sea, and special operations strikes in support of the initial months Operation Enduring Freedom.

Hollingsworth joined the staff of Navy's Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) in September of 2008, serving as Deputy Commander and Commanding Officer. In 2011, CPPD was awarded the NETC "T" award as the Navy's outstanding training center of excellence. He has been selected as a "Visionary Leader" for The Public Manager, and was recognized by the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce with the "Modeling the Way" Leadership Award for LEAD Hampton Roads. Hollingsworth has shared Navy best training practices at the American Society for Training and Development BEST Awards conference. In 2012, he assumed his current duties as Chief of Staff for Chief Naval Air Training Command (CNATRA).

Hollingsworth's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and various other Joint and Navy awards that are attributed to the men and women with whom he has served. He is the recipient of the Navy League Stephen Decatur Award for Operational Excellence, the COMNAVAIRLANT Core Values Award and the Association of Naval Aviation's (ANA) Pilot of the Year Award.