

NAVSCIATTS COMMANDER BIOGRAPHY



Commander Eric J. Skalski was born in Virginia and raised in Miramar, Florida. In January 1986, he attended basic training in Great Lakes, IL, followed by Machinist Mate “A” School. He served his first tour of duty at Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor before reporting for Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training in 1988, with BUD/S Class 153.

Commander Skalski began his career in Naval Special Warfare in 1988 at SEAL Team THREE, where he completed four deployments including: two tours at NSWU-1 in Subic Bay, Philippines, a tour in the Persian Gulf aboard the Barge Hercules, and a deployment in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM in 1991.

He attended the Defense Language Institute for Spanish in 1993, before serving at NSWU-8 in Panama from 1994-1997. He reported to SEAL Team FIVE in 1997, where he completed his SEAL Platoon LPO and LCPO deployments to Okinawa before receiving his commission as a Limited Duty Officer in 2002.

Upon commissioning, he reported to Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School, where he served as the Training and Assistant Operations Officer until 2005. He then transferred to NSWU-3 in Bahrain, where he served as the Assistant Theater Operational Control Element for Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command in Qatar. He completed his Operations Officer tour at NSW’s Advanced Training Command from 2006 to 2008. His next assignment was at SEAL Team ONE, where he completed two deployments to Afghanistan; one as Task Unit Trident Operations Officer. In 2011, he became an Unrestricted Line Officer and completed two deployments as Task Force Archipelago Commander in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM – Philippines in Zamboanga.

Commander Skalski served as Executive Officer for NSWU-1 in Guam from 2013-2015, followed by a tour in Bahrain as the SOF Adviser on the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command staff. He completed his most recent tour at Special Operations Command North where he served as the SOJ38 Engagements Division Chief and Special Operations Command Forward Commander in Mexico City.

His personal decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and various other personal and campaign medals and awards.

He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Management Studies from the University of Maryland University College.

