

2016 Hall of Fame Honoree

Capt. Michael Giannetti Class of 1988

A decorated naval aviator and officer, Captain Michael Giannetti has commanded the elite “World Watchers” Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 1 and served in the Pentagon on the Chief of Naval Operations’ staff.



After graduating from Vestal High School, Capt. Giannetti earned his B.S. in mathematics from the U.S. Naval Academy and his M.S. in operations management from the University of Arkansas. Upon completing flight training, he was “winged” a naval aviator in 1995.

Capt. Giannetti has accumulated over 3,000 flight hours in P-3C and EP-3E aircraft. He has led crews during numerous detachments to Italy, Greece and Bahrain, over the Balkans and in the Arabian Gulf. He was selected as VQ-2 Pilot of the Year in 1998. He has also served on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, and he commanded the USS Green Bay as Executive Officer.

His current assignment is Director of Current Operations on the Commander Pacific Fleet Staff in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. His personal decorations include the Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals, four Air Medals, four Navy Commendation Medals, the Joint Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal as well as various campaign, squadron, and unit awards.

His commitment to community is as strong as to his country, and Capt. Giannetti has, among other charitable endeavors, served as a Big Brother, coached Special Olympians, built Habitat for Humanity homes and volunteered with the Humane Society.