



# United States Navy Biography

## **Captain Jonathan R. Townsend Executive Director Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve**

Captain Jonathan Townsend is currently serving as Executive Director of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. In this role, Townsend leads ESGR in its mission of facilitating and promoting a cooperative culture of employer support for National Guard and Reserve service. ESGR operates through a network of more than 3,700 volunteers throughout 54 committees located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam-CNMI, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. ESGR's volunteer operations are supported by a headquarters staff of approximately 30 military and civilian personnel in Alexandria, Virginia.

Captain Townsend was commissioned in 1995 through the U.S. Naval Academy and designated a naval aviator in 1997. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the College of Command and Staff at the Naval War College.

His sea duty tours include serving Patrol Squadron Ten (VP-10) "Red Lancers," where he deployed to Sigonella, Italy and Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico with detachments to Forward Operating Locations Manta, Ecuador; Coma Lapa, El Salvador and Bahrain. He also served two tours including Command of Patrol Squadron (VP-62) "Broadarrows" with detachments to Italy, Bahrain and Japan.

Captain Townsend's shore duty tours include Executive Assistant to the Chief of Navy Reserve, instructor pilot duty at VP-30, the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replacement Squadron. As a staff officer he was the Campaign Planning Chief for the U.S. Southern Command J5 and Special Assistant under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He also had shore Command of Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and the Navy and Joint Commendation Medals.

