

## Biography; James D. Fowler



Mr. James Fowler is Chief of Staff, U.S. Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia, U.S. Central Command, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Mr. Fowler is a native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and a 1990 graduate of the University of Oklahoma where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement. He was commissioned into the USN as an Ensign in May 1990 and retired as a Navy Captain in September 2017 after over 27 years of continuous active duty service, 11 of those years spent at sea.

Jim completed a Division Officer tour in USS NITRO (AE 23), homeported in Earle, New Jersey, from August 1991 to December 1994. He served as 2nd Division Officer, Auxiliaries Officer, and Main Propulsion Assistant during a Mediterranean deployment and multiple ammunition roll-back cruises to Scotland. For his second Division Officer tour, Jim served as Operations Officer in USS ROBIN (MHC 54), homeported in Ingleside, Texas, from February 1995 to February 1997.

From February 1997 to March 1999, Jim attended Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he earned a Master of Science in Computer Systems. Upon graduation, he reported to USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8), homeported in Mayport, Florida, where he served as Chief Engineer from October 1999 to May 2001. During this tour, he completed a UNITAS deployment to South America.

In June 2001, Jim reported to USS CUSHING (DD 985), homeported in Yokosuka, Japan, where he served as Chief Engineer until April 2003. During this tour, he completed a WESTPAC and Arabian Gulf deployment. For his next tour, Jim served as Auxiliaries Officer in USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74), homeported in Bremerton, Washington from February 2004 through January 2006. During this tour, he completed a WESTPAC deployment.

From February 2006 to March 2007, Jim Fowler attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, earning a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. In May 2007, he reported as Commanding Officer, Beachmaster Unit ONE in Coronado, CA. During this tour he trained and prepared all Western Hemisphere Beach Party Teams for multiple deployments in support of various Expeditionary Strike Group exercises and GWOT operations. In September 2009, Jim reported to Commander, U.S. Navy Forces Korea (CNFK) where he served as Operational Support Officer from September 2009 to June 2011. His primary duties focused on liaising between CNFK and supporting stateside CNFK Reserve Detachments for administrative and operational preparedness of U.S. Navy reserve forces. From July 2011 to October 2012, he was assigned to the Pentagon, OPNAV N81, as a Force Structure and Integration Analyst. From November 2012 to December 2014, Jim was assigned to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command as Operational Support Officer. He traveled to, and addressed operational issues in, Kyrgyzstan, Qatar, Kuwait, and Germany and toured Afghanistan four times during battlefield circulation to assess Navy force posture and personnel issues. He reported to his final Navy tour from January 2015 to June 2017 as Director, Fleet Operational Support Officer for United States Fleet Forces Command. There, he informed U.S. military operational worldwide policy decisions that included on-site visits to the Middle East and El Salvador.

Jim and his wife Kimi are avid world travelers. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Army Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and various other service decorations and unit awards.