

## CAPTAIN JAMES B. HOWELL Prospective Commanding Officer Naval Support Activity Lakehurst

Captain James B. Howell was commissioned out of University of Florida's NROTC in August, 1998. Upon completion of flight school he transferred to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron FOUR EIGHT (HSL-48) in Mayport, FL where he flew the SH-60B in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Counter Narco-Terrorism operations.

He then transferred to HSL-40 where he served as an instructor pilot and Operations Officer. In 2006, he continued as instructor pilot and Operations Officer at the HSM Weapons School where he developed and supervised the tactical training of all deploying HSL/HSM detachments.



Captain Howell served his Department Head tour at HSL-46 where he deployed as Officer in Charge of Detachment SEVEN in USS Mason (DDG-87) in support of Combined Task Force 151's counter-piracy operations. He finished his tour as Maintenance Office while the squadron made the transition to MH-60Rs.

Following one year at the Naval War College in Newport, RI where he earned a Masters degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, he served as an aircraft strike planner in the US Strategic Command's Joint Functional Component Command - Global Strike.

As Commanding Officer of Tactical Air Control Squadron TWO TWO, he deployed aboard USS Wasp (LHD-1) in support of Operation ODYSSEY LIGHTNING. In 2017, he also deployed aboard USS Kearsarge (LHD-3) during Hurricanes Irma and Maria relief operations.

From 2018-2020, Captain Howell served as the Navigation Officer on USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN-78). While onboard the first-in-class aircraft carrier, he led the ship through performance trials, acoustic trials and Carrier Air Wing integration.

His most recent tour was in Naples, Italy as the Current Operations Director for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Africa and Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet. His team was responsible for the command and control of all Naval forces in the European and African theaters during multiple contingencies including Operations Allies Refuge, Allies Welcome and the Ukraine crisis.