



United States Navy Biography

CAPT CHRISTOPHER E. BARNES COMMANDING OFFICER NAVAL MEDICAL READINESS LOGISTICS COMMAND

A native of Maryland, CAPT Christopher Barnes entered naval service through the delayed entry program in 1993 and reported to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, as a seaman recruit in 1994.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration from Saint Leo University and holds a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

He received his commission as an ensign in 2002 via the Medical Service Corps In-service Procurement Program.



At sea, he served aboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62), home ported in Yokosuka, Japan, as part of the ship's deck department. Shortly after reporting, Seaman Barnes was assigned to the post office where he struck into the Postal Clerk rating. During his tour onboard USS INDEPENDENCE, he made several deployments including to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch, and to the waters east of Taiwan to provide a stabilizing presence amid the Third Taiwan Strait Crisis.

In 1997, PC2 (SW/AW) Barnes reported to USS VELLA GULF (CG -72), home ported in Norfolk, VA. While aboard, VELLA GULF completed various exercises and deployments including the Adriatic Sea in March 1999, participating in multiple operations including Tomahawk Strike Operations to Fast-track Logistics Operations as part of Operation Noble Anvil.

Ashore, his assignments include Naval Medical Center Portsmouth as the Leading Petty Officer for Postal Operations, and as the Supply Petty Officer for the Director of Administration; U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa, for his first assignment as a naval officer serving in a variety of roles and eventually as the Fiscal Officer; National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, as the Department Head and Budget Officer.

As an individual augmentee, Barnes deployed as the Medical Administration Officer for the Expeditionary Medical Facility, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti in support of Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa and Operation Enduring Freedom.

His staff assignments include the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery as the Executive Assistant (EA) to the Director of the Medical Service Corps, serving as the EA for two consecutive Corps Chiefs; Intelligence Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency, National Center for Medical Intelligence; Director of Medical Equipment and Logistics Solutions, Naval Medical Logistic Command; Staff Inspector, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Medical Inspector General.

He served at the Office of the Secretary of Defense as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs from May 2019 until the spring of 2022.

In August 2022, he reported to Naval Medical Readiness Logistics Command, Cheatham Annex, Williamsburg, VA, as the executive officer. On May 23, 2024, he became the commanding officer of Naval Medical Readiness Logistics Command.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards) and the recipient of numerous unit service and campaign awards.

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