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Lt. Cmdr. Jim Tomaszewski is a native of Orange Park, Florida, and graduated from Coronado High School in 1997. He attended Florida State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 2000. Tomaszewski then reported to Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, for Officer Candidate School and was commissioned an ensign in December 2000.

Tomaszewski reported for aviation indoctrination at NAS Pensacola in January 2001. He completed primary flight training at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma, flying the T-37B Tweet. He then transferred to NAS Meridian, Mississippi, for intermediate and advanced flight training, flying the T-2C Buckeye and T-45C Goshawk. He earned his wings of gold in May 2003.

He then reported to Strike Fighter Squadron 125 (VFA-125), the "Rough Raiders," in Lemoore, California, for training in the F/A-18C Hornet. In May 2004, he reported to Strike Fighter Squadron 195 (VFA-195), the "Dambusters," stationed in Atsugi, Japan. While assigned to VFA-195, he completed multiple Western Pacific deployments aboard USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63). He also participated in several multilateral international exercises with South Korean, Republic of Singapore, Japanese and Australian Naval, Marine and Air Forces. While there, Tomaszewski contributed to the "Dambusters," receiving the 2005 Battle "E" for sustained superior performance in an operational environment.

In June 2007, Tomaszewski reported to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 101 (VMFAT-101) as an instructor pilot. While with the "Sharpshooters," He served as a fighter weapons phase instructor, legal officer, landing signal officer, T-34C mentor pilot, assistant air-to-air phase head, and assistant carrier qualification phase head. While there, Tomaszewski was selected to join the Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron.

Tomaszewski joined the *Blue Angels* in September 2009. He served as the #2 pilot and right wingman for the 2010 and 2011 air show seasons. During that time he served as the squadron's executive assistant, applicants officer, and NATOPS officer. Once selected for operational department head, he reported to Strike Fighter Squadron 32 (VFA-32), the "Swordsmen," in Virginia Beach, Virginia, flying the F/A-18F Super Hornet, where he deployed aboard the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). During this deployment, he flew 38 combat missions over Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While with the "Swordsmen," he performed his duties as the administration officer, assistant operations officer, quality assurance officer, and the maintenance officer.

In June 2014, Tomaszewski reported as the executive officer to the VX-23 "Salty Dogs" in Patuxent River, Maryland. He has more than 3,200 flight hours in military aircraft and has accumulated 473 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, as well as various personal and unit awards.