

**Captain Jon E. Rugg**  
**Vice Commander**  
**Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division**



Captain Jon Rugg is a native of Ohio. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from The Ohio State University, a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology from Biola University. He was commissioned through the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps in March 1994 and was designated Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer.

Upon completing his initial training, Rugg was permanently assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 4 at Naval Air Station Barber's Point, Hawaii, where he served in various branch officer positions. He deployed to Misawa, Japan, and Manama, Bahrain, where he served as the detachment maintenance officer and coordinated the first armed P-3C detachment to Doha, Qatar.

While stationed at NAS Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, he was assigned to the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department, serving as the Avionics Division officer, production control officer, and assistant aircraft maintenance officer

In April 2002, Rugg transitioned to the reserve component and has since served in various leadership roles including three command tours, two executive officer tours, and three officer-in-charge positions. He has been attached to the Naval Air Systems Command Reserve Program since January 2009, when he was selected to join Forward Deployed Combat Repair Detachment A at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake. He mobilized in August 2010 to serve as Fleet Readiness Center Western Pacific Detachment Afghanistan OIC at Camp Leatherneck in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, with the 3rd Marine Air Wing.

Since demobilizing, Rugg has served as the executive officer and commanding officer for Navy Reserve Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, OIC for NR In-Service Engineering & Logistics Detachment Bravo, and mission lead for NR Rapid Research & Development, NR NAWCWD, and NR Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division.

In his civilian capacity, Rugg owned and operated three restaurant franchises prior to mobilizing for Operation Enduring Freedom. More recently, Rugg was a psychologist at the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. He took over his current, active duty position as the vice commander for NAWCWD in April 2024.

Rugg is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medals, and Navy Achievement Medals.