**Craig J. Washington**

**Director, Engagement Operations**

**U. S. Naval Academy Alumni Association**

Craig Washington is a native of Annapolis, Maryland. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1989. He spent 24 years in the U. S. Navy as a career Aviation Maintenance Officer, serving with multiple Aviation Squadrons aboard five different Aircraft Carriers. His shore tours included various shore Aviation installations, Naval Air Systems Command, staff duty at the US Naval Academy and Command of a Defense Contract Management Agency manufacturing Aircraft and Aircraft Avionics Systems for the U.S. Navy, Army and Air Force.

After completing initial training in Pensacola, FL, Craig reported to Fighter Squadron THIRTY TWO (VF-32) in Virginia Beach, VA, deploying to the Mediterranean Sea on USS JOHN F KENNEDY (CV-67) in support of Operations ALLIED FORCE, JOINT GUARDIAN and JOINT FORGE . In December of 1994 Commander Washington attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey CA. He graduated in June 1996, earning a Master’s Degree in Logistics Management. Additionally, he was conferred as a Certified Professional Logistician. Craig’s next assignment was to Naval Air Systems Command in Crystal City – then Patuxent River, MD. There, he served as Deputy Assistant Program Manager for Logistics in PMA-290 managing P-3C and P-3 derivative aircraft inventory and Depot Maintenance plans and policy. In October of 1998 he reported to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron TWO (VQ-2) in Rota, Spain. Serving as Maintenance Officer and Detachment Officer in Charge, he deployed to various locations throughout South and Central America, Europe and the Middle East providing reconnaissance and surveillance support in response to tasking from national authorities. In October 2001, he reported to USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) in Norfolk, VA, serving as the AIMD Assistant Maintenance Officer and Maintenance Material Control Officer deploying to the Persian Gulf in Support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In March of 2004, Craig assumed the duties as Maintenance Officer in Fighter Squadron ONE ZERO ONE (VF-101) - the F-14 Fleet Replacement Squadron. In his capacity as “RAGMO”, Craig assisted in training the last group of F-14 aviators, and led the successful disestablishment of this historic squadron. In October of 2005, Commander Washington reported as AIMD OFFICER aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) deploying to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and the continuing efforts in the Global War on Terrorism. In July 2007, Craig became the tenth Commanding Officer of the Defense Contract Management Agency at Lockheed Martin in Owego, NY. Among the 300+ programs at Lockheed, he led the successful fielding of the first 75 MH-60 Romeo helicopters to the fleet. In October 2010, Craig returned to his alma matter at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis MD serving on the Superintendent’s Staff for Operations and Event Planning and as a Leadership instructor teaching Ethics to Third Class Midshipmen.

In July 2013, Craig retired from the Navy and joined the Alumni Association as the Director of Engagement Operations. He is married to the former Janice Borst of Chicago, Illinois. They have four children; ENS Michael – USNA ‘13, Matthew USNA ‘17, Sarah 18, and Sophia 14.