

NAVAL ROTC UNIT

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

LT Joseph Ziobro

Naval Science Instructor

LT Joseph Ziobro was born in Kailua, Hawaii at MCAS Kaneohe and was raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. He graduated from University Nevada, Las Vegas in December of 2012. Following his graduation, he commissioned from OCS January of 2014 as an Ensign in the United States Navy. Upon commissioning he was sent to Pensacola, Florida to begin training as a Student Naval Aviator.

After completion of IFS and Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API), LT Ziobro reported to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi to begin Primary Flight School to fly the T-6B Texan at VT-27 the Boomers in the summer of 2014. Upon his completion of Primary, he was selected to begin training in Rotorcraft at Naval Air Station Whiting Field at HT-18 the Vigilant Eagles in the Spring of 2015.

With his successful completion of Advanced, he earned his Wings of Gold and the title of Naval Aviator in January of 2016. That same month he reported to HSM-41 the Seahawks at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, California to fly the MH-60R. At the end of his training he reported to HSM-78 the Blue Hawks in the winter of 2016.

With HSM-78 he deployed to Seventh Fleet on the USS Dewey (DDG-105) in March of 2017 and again in January of 2018 aboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) to support FONOPS in the South China Sea. After returning from deployment he was sent out to Hawaii to participate in RIMPAC 2018 with the Vinson Strike Group where he trained with multiple countries and finally earned the title of Aircraft Commander. While in HSM-78 he received two Navy Achievement Medals, a Battle E, and the Admiral Thach Award.

In March of 2020, he reported to Naval ROTC Unit VMI at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia to start duty as a Naval Science Instructor.