

NAVAL ROTC UNIT

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

LT Daniel P. Franceschina Naval Science Instructor

LT Daniel Franceschina was born in Pittsburgh, PA, and grew up in Chapin, SC. He graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science. In July 2016 he commissioned into the Navy through the North Carolina State University NROTC program.

Upon commissioning, he completed the Basic Division Officer Course in Norfolk, Virginia, and then reported to USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) stationed in Mayport, FL. LT Franceschina served as the Repair Division Officer and Main Propulsion Officer aboard completing a Fifth/Sixth Fleet Deployment. LT Franceschina was also temporarily assigned to USS New York (LPD 21) where he completed a Sixth Fleet Deployment as the Fire Control Officer.



Upon earning his Surface Warfare Officer qualification, he attended the Surface Navigator, Littoral Combat Ship Officer of the Deck and Advanced Division Officer courses in Newport, RI. In December 2019 he reported to USS Little Rock (LCS 9), stationed in Mayport, FL, as the Navigation Officer. He also served as the Training Officer and Legal Officer. During his time onboard he completed a Basic and Advanced phase training cycle before entering into a 12-month Emergent Dry Dock Maintenance Availability. During this Emergent Maintenance Availability LT Franceschina was temporarily assigned as the Navigation Officer onboard USS Fort Worth (LCS 3), stationed in San Diego, CA where he participated in the initial testing of the LCS Anti-Submarine Warfare Mission Package.

In August 2021 he reported to Naval ROTC Unit Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA to start duty as a Naval Science Instructor. LT Franceschina is currently enrolled in Joint Professional Military Education Phase I at the Naval War College online and the Master of Systems Analysis program at Naval Postgraduate School online.

LT Franceschina's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal and multiple unit and service awards.