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### **NASC Memorial Service, Award Ceremonies Honor Victims of NAS Pensacola Terrorist Attack**

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** – Naval Aviation Schools Command (NASC) will hold a memorial service and wreath laying and Purple Heart Medal ceremonies at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Friday, Dec. 4.

The memorial service and wreath laying will mark the one-year anniversary of the Dec. 6 NAS Pensacola terrorist attack that left four killed, including the shooter, and eight injured. The Navy will also present the Purple Heart Medals posthumously to the families of Ensign Joshua Watson, Naval Air Crewman (Mechanical) 3rd Class Mohammed Haitham and Naval Air Crewman (Mechanical) 3rd Class Cameron Walters.

Rear Adm. Pete Garvin, commander, Naval Education and Training Command, will provide remarks at the memorial service and wreath laying. Cmdr. Michael Lofgren, NASC executive officer, will be the guest speaker at the Purple Heart Medal ceremonies.

The Purple Heart Medal is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those wounded or killed while serving, on or after April 5, 1917, with the U.S. military.

All ceremonies will be closed to the public and media due to COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

The Navy will live stream the ceremonies on the MyNavy HR Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MyNAVYHR/>.

The memorial service and wreath laying will air at 9:30 a.m. local time. The Purple Heart ceremony for Walters will air at 1:30 p.m., Haitham's ceremony at 2:30 p.m. and Watson's ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

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**Rear Admiral Pete Garvin**

**Commander, Naval Education and Training Command**

Rear Adm. Peter Garvin is a 1989 graduate, with merit, from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering (Astronautics). He is also a 2005 graduate of the National War College, earning a Master of Science in National Security Strategy and a 2015 alumnus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI.

His operational assignments include service with the “Pelicans” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 45, where he was the 1995 Association of Naval Aviation Pilot of the Year; department head with the “Mad Foxes” of VP-5; navigator aboard USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), where he served as flag navigator for the embarked Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 6; executive and 59th commanding officer of the “Fighting Tigers” of VP-8; and commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 10.

His shore assignments include flag lieutenant to Commander, Patrol Wings Atlantic (CPWL), Commander, Task Force (CTF) 84; instructor pilot at the P-3 fleet replacement squadron, VP-30; Washington placement officer at the Bureau of Naval Personnel (PERS 441); executive officer for the director, Operational Plans and Joint Force Development Directorate (J-7), Joint Staff; federal executive fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR); undersea warfare branch head in the assessments division (N81) and deputy director, unmanned warfare systems (N99) on the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations staff; and executive assistant to the vice chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

As a flag officer, he served as the 22nd commander of Navy Recruiting Command and most recently as commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group and Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Pacific in Norfolk.

Garvin became the 20th commander of the Naval Education and Training Command July 9, 2020.

His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (four awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Air Medal (two strike/flight) and various personal, unit and campaign decorations.

## **Commander Michael E. Lofgren**

### **Executive Officer, Naval Aviation Schools Command**

Cmdr. Michael Lofgren received his commission as a naval officer through Officer Candidate School and completed flight training in Pensacola, Florida, and Meridian, Mississippi. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Physics from the University of California, Santa Cruz, a Master of Science in Global Leadership from the University of San Diego, and a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

Lofgren has extensive operational and training experience in the strike fighter community, serving for a decade in various assignments at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California, amassing more than 2,200 hours, 500 carrier landings and multiple combat deployments in the FA-18E/F Super Hornet.

Lofgren's shore tours include service as an instructor pilot at Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 122 and as a student in residence at the U.S. Naval War College, where he was selected for an exclusive wargaming group focusing on near-peer threats. He most recently served at Naval Aviation Schools Command (NASC) as the Aviation Training School director, Naval Introductory Flight Evaluation (NIFE) director, and Introductory Flight Screening director.

He currently serves as the executive officer for NASC, and he is also an associate flight instructor with Training Squadron (VT) 86 and the NIFE government chief certified flight instructor.