

# Brett Embry

U.S. Air Force & U.S. Navy  
Commander



	Defense Meritorious Service Medal	
Navy Commendation Medal	Air Force Commendation Medal	Navy Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award	Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation	Outstanding Unit Award
Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation	Navy "E" Ribbon	National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal	Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal	Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal	Navy Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon	Navy Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon



**Brent J. Embry**  
**Commander, U.S. Navy (ret)**  
**Veterans Service Officer**

A native of Bakersfield, California, Brent Embry graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Louisiana State University in 1996. He also holds a [Master's Degree](#) in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI.

He obtained a commission in the US Air Force from Air Force R.O.T.C. and was designated as an Aircraft Maintenance and Munitions Officer, serving in that capacity over the next four years in assignments to Luke Air Force Base, AZ, and Hill Air Force Base, UT.

In October 2000, his application for a transfer to the US Navy was accepted, and he reported to Surface Warfare Officer School in January 2001.

Brent earned his qualification and was designated as a Surface Warfare Officer in the Navy. His early sea tours include assignments onboard the guided missile destroyers USS Benfold (DDG-65), USS Higgins (DDG-76), and USS John Paul Jones (DDG-53) with deployments to the Persian Gulf, to include the Iraq War.

Brent also served as Operations Officer onboard the guided missile frigate USS Boone (FFG-28) based in Mayport, FL, and later as the Operations Officer for Destroyer Squadron 60 forward deployed to Sixth Fleet in Italy aboard the command ship USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20). During his tenure at Destroyer Squadron 60, he coordinated expanded naval engagements with Africa, preceding the establishment of Naval Forces Africa, and also served as the



Operations Officer of the surface task force which evacuated American citizens from Beirut during the Lebanon-Israeli War of 2006.

He later served as Chief Staff Officer for Coastal Riverine Squadron Eight, headquartered at Naval Station Newport, RI. During this tour, he deployed to the Persian Gulf for force protection patrol boat and security force operations.

His staff tours include assignments to United States Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany in the J-5/Plans Directorate, and at the Pentagon as a member of the Joint Staff, where he served as a member of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs' Office of Reintegration for Veterans and their family members.

His final military assignment was as Officer in Charge at Coastal Riverine Group One, Detachment Guam, located at Naval Base Guam.

His military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), Air Force Commendation Medal (two awards), the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards) and various campaign and service awards.

Brent is married to wife Catherine and has two children: Chloe and Charlie. For the past six years since retiring from the Navy, he has made his home in Hendersonville, North Carolina, serving as the lead Veterans Service Officer of the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' western 12 county district prior to being hired by Henderson County. He has served as a Veterans Service officer for Henderson County for the past year.