

**COMMANDER
ANDREW VAWTER
UNITED STATES NAVY**



Commander Andrew R. Vawter was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, and graduated from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in 2009. He earned his naval flight officer wings in July 2011.

After receiving initial P-3C training with Patrol Squadron THREE ZERO (VP-30) onboard NAS Jacksonville, Florida, he reported to the “Screaming Eagles” of Patrol Squadron ONE (VP-1) onboard NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. During his tour, he completed deployments to the 4th Fleet, the 5th Fleet, and the 7th Fleet as well as a detachment to 6th Fleet in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. While onboard, he qualified as a tactical coordinator, a mission commander, and an instructor tactical coordinator.

In March 2018, he checked onboard Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing FIVE SEVEN (CPRW-57) in Manama, Bahrain, and served as the command security manager, the battle watch captain, the future operations officer, and the tactical operations center officer in charge.

In August 2020, Vawter arrived at Patrol Squadron FOUR ZERO (VP-40), where he has served as the tactics DH, CSD, CTGOPS, and the operations officer. He led the “Fighting Marlins” through two Homeland Defense detachments and a deployment to EUCOM in support of Commander 6th Fleet and NATO objectives, as well as operations Allies Refuge and Allies Welcome.

His first shore tour started in April 2015, when he joined Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing TEN (CPRW-10) as a member of the Weapons and Tactics Unit (WTU). While onboard, he qualified as a weapons and tactics instructor (WTI) and transitioned to the P-8A airframe.

He reported to Jacksonville in 2022 to serve as the Fleet Training Department head at the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Weapons School, where he oversaw the development and execution of MPRF post-FRS training.

He assumed responsibilities as commanding officer of VSX-1 at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, in March 2026.

Vawter has accumulated over 2000 hours in the P-3C Orion, P-8A Poseidon, and the UV-18 Twin Otter. His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various other unit and campaign awards.