



COMMANDER ANDREW VAWTER

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT SQUADRON ONE

CDR 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 of 2011.

After receiving initial P-3C training with Patrol Squadron THREE ZERO (VP-30) onboard NAS Jacksonville, Florida, Vawter reported to the "Screaming Eagles" of Patrol Squadron ONE (VP-1) onboard NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. During his tour he completed deployments to FOURTH, FIFTH, and SEVENTH FLEET as well as a detachment to SIXTH FLEET in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. While onboard, he qualified as a Tactical Coordinator, Mission Commander, and Instructor Tactical Coordinator.

In March of 2018, Vawter checked onboard Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing FIVE SEVEN (CPRW-57) in Manama, Bahrain and served as the Command Security Manager, Battle Watch Captain, Future Operations Officer, and Tactical Operations Center Officer in Charge.

Vawter arrived at Patrol Squadron FOUR ZERO (VP-40) in August of 2020 where he has served as the Tactics DH, CSD, CTGOPS, and 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.

Vawter's first shore tour started in April of 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.

Vawter reported to Jacksonville, Florida, 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. CDR Vawter assumed responsibilities as Executive Officer of VXS-1 at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland in November 2024.

Vawter has accumulated over 2000 hours in the P-3C Orion and P-8A Poseidon. 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.
