



The Spindle

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARION OHIO
P.O. BOX 1091
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July 16, 2019

MATTHEW J ARNOLD, DIRECTOR OF AVIATION

Matt graduated from Upper Sandusky High School in 1989 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Aircraft Systems, with a commercial pilot rating, from The Ohio State University in 1994. He entered military service in 1995 through Officer Candidate School at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, FL. He received a Naval Officer Commission as an Ensign in October 1995 and began flight school in January 1996. After finishing first in his flight school class, he selected the tactical jet pipeline for follow on training, earned his Navy Wings of Gold in December 1997 and was selected to fly the FA-18C Hornet for fleet operations. Matt began his fleet career in Japan assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, deploying six times flying combat missions in support of Operation Southern Watch and Operation Enduring Freedom. After his first fleet tour he became an FA-18 instructor pilot in San Diego, CA in 2002. In 2004 he deployed on the USS Abraham Lincoln, performing multiple operations with allied countries and performed humanitarian relief following the tsunami that devastated Indonesia. Following this tour, in 2006 he transitioned to fly the FA-18E Super Hornet and was assigned as a Department Head in Lemoore, CA where he was active in multiple combat deployments to include operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2009, he was selected to attend the Naval War College and earned a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Studies and National Security. After receiving his degree, he joined United States Strategic Command at Offutt AFB, Nebraska as an action officer in Nuclear Operations. While stationed in Nebraska, he was selected to become a Squadron Commanding Officer, his final military position from 2012-2015, at Strike Fighter Weapons School, Virginia Beach, VA. He accumulated more than 3,000 flight hours, including more than 200 combat hours, and 650 carrier arrested landings aboard eight aircraft carriers while in the Navy. He officially retired from the Navy on January 1, 2016 serving 20 years on active duty.

Following his military career, Matt began an Agricultural Aerial Application business based at the Marion Municipal Airport in 2016. He performs aerial application operations in north central Ohio, operating primarily in Marion, Wyandot, Seneca, Hardin, Crawford, Delaware and Hancock Counties. He was selected as the Director of Aviation for the City of Marion in August 2018 with nearly 30 years of aviation experience. Matt resides in rural Upper Sandusky with his wife Jennifer (Ludovico) and four lovely daughters – Ellianna (8), Giovanna (7), Vivian (5) and Murielle (3). Matt is actively involved in his daughters' school as a member of the School Advisory Council and Chairperson of the school's annual festival. He is also active in local military veteran events in Wyandot County, serving as spokesman and guest of honor for the 2018 Memorial Day Parade and ceremony.

“Service Above Self”

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