

NAVAL ROTC UNIT

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

Col. Ryan M. Finn Commanding Officer

Colonel Finn is a graduate of Ithaca College with a BA in Biology. He was commissioned into the Marine Corps in Aug of 1997 upon completion of OCS and graduated from TBS in March of 1998.

Upon TBS graduation, 2ndLt Finn attended flight training at NAS Pensacola for two years; during training he was medically disqualified and redesignated into the Aviation Supply community. His first assignment was Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 (MALS 24) where he served as the Assistant Aviation Supply Officer and Operations Officer. Follow-on assignments included the J-4 staff at US Central Command (CENTCOM) where he served in various billets, including the J4 Readiness Officer. Upon completion of his CENTCOM tour, Capt Finn was assigned to the Aviation Logistics Department (ALD) staff in 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) where he deployed to Iraq as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff/Aviation Logistics Directorate for 2dMAW and Wing Aviation Supply Officer (Forward); he was selected to the rank of Major during his Iraqi deployment and was reassigned as the MALS 14 Aviation Supply Officer upon his return. Following MALS 14, he was assigned to Naval Inventory Control Point (NAVICP), Philadelphia, in 2009 where he was the Director of the Integrated Weapons System Team for Harriers, C-130s, and twelve other Type Model Series aircraft. Moreover, he oversaw the U.S.'s procurement of all Harriers and Harrier parts from the United Kingdom and executed the renewal of the Harrier Integrated Supply Support Performance Based Logistics contract with Boeing. Following NAVICP, he was transferred to Marine Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC) where he was assigned as the ALD Plans Officer; during this tour, he was selected for Command of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Marine Unit, Cherry Point, and was shortly after promoted to LtCol. He held command from Jun 2014 to June 2016. After command, LtCol Finn reported Army War College, then to Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC), Department of Aviation, Aviation Logistics and Sustainment Branch as the HQMC Aviation Supply Officer where he implemented the Retail Supply Chain Modernization and Customer Oriented Leveling Technique/Proactive Demand Leveling (COLT/PDL) for all Marine Aviation. His follow-on assignment was a return to NAVSUP WSS from 2020 to 2024. He was promoted to Colonel in June of 2021.



Colonel Finn's deployments include: RIMPAC 2000, Guam GAIT 2001, SPMAGTF HOMELAND DEFENSE in Guam, immediately after the attacks of September 11, 2001. Multiple deployments to CENTCOM Forward Headquarters and to other CENTCOM Area Of Responsibility locations, including Exercise BRIGHT STAR 05 in Egypt. Al Asad Air Base Iraq for 13 months in support of OIF.

Colonel Finn is a graduate of the Command and Staff College in Quantico, VA where he earned a Masters of Military Science degree. He is a graduate of the Army War College resident program in Carlisle, PA, where he earned a Masters of Strategic Studies degree. In July of 2024, Col Finn assumed duties as Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science at the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, Virginia Military Institute.

Colonel Finn and his wife, Suzanne, have two children, Liam (16) and Katherine (13). His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 Awards) and various other personal, unit, and service awards.