



United States Navy Biography

CAPTAIN (ret) ARMEN 'BURGLAR' KURDIAN

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After graduating from Wichita East High School in Wichita, KS in May 1988, he attended the University of Kansas from Sep 1988 to May 1993 and earned a BS in Aerospace Engineering and his commission as an Ensign in the US Navy. CAPT (ret) Kurdian is currently a Lead Associate and Senior Systems Engineer with Booz Allen Hamilton in San Diego, CA.

CAPT (ret) Kurdian attended flight school in NAS Pensacola, FL & NAS Norfolk, VA earning his wings of gold as an E-2C Naval Flight Officer (NFO) in March 1996. In December 1996 he transferred to VAW-113 at NAS Miramar, CA and subsequently deployed to the Persian Gulf aboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN in 1998 in support of SOUTHERN WATCH. In January 2000, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA and the Naval War College, followed by the Naval Test Pilot School, NAS Patuxent River, MD in 2002, earning an MS in Aeronautical Engineering, a Joint Professional Military Expert degree, and certification as a Test NFO. In 2003 he transferred to Test Squadron VX-20 for one year performing duties as an E-2C Project Officer. His next assignment was to NAS Pt. Mugu, CA from 2004 through mid-2006 as part of VAW-117, deploying again in 2005 aboard USS NIMITZ in support of IRAQI FREEDOM.

In July 2006, he reported to US Central Command, Homestead AFB, Tampa, FL working in Coalition relations as the liaison officer to 10 other allied nations. In January 2007, he returned to San Diego, CA and worked as the E-2C/C-2A Operational Readiness Officer at Commander Naval Air Forces, NAS North Island for three years.

Prior to reporting to NAVSUP WSS, he was stationed at NAS Patuxent River, MD and worked at PMA-231 (the E-2C/C-2A program office) as the E-2D Avionics lead and then PMA-281 as the Deputy Lead for the Common Control System, a software suite designed to control multiple Unmanned Air Vehicles. He then transferred to PEO C4I program office PMW/A 170 in San Diego as the GPS Navigation Systems Division Lead. At the same time, he earned a dual Masters of Business Administration through Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, and Queen's University, Kingston, ON. His final duty station in the Navy was as the Director of Engineering and Product Support at Navy Supply Command Weapons System Support in Philadelphia, PA.

CAPT (ret) Kurdian ran for office for the Vista City Council in 2022. He currently serves as a board member of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee which provides the San Diego County Board of Supervisors advice and review on matters affecting the airport and supporting related business in North County. He is the Chair of the Policy Roundtable for the Lincoln Business League of San Diego County, and the Communications Director for the San Diego Veterans' Writing Group. He is also an ambassador with the Vista Chamber of Commerce.

CAPT (ret) Kurdian's awards include the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Commendation Medal, three Navy Commendation Medals, a Navy Achievement Medal, and multiple other service-related medals and awards. He holds many professional certifications including a Certificate of Public Leadership from the Brookings Institute. He was also designated as a Certified Systems Engineering Professional by the International Council on Systems Engineering.