



# United States Navy Biography

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Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Jarrod Franks is an active duty Navy Judge Advocate currently assigned as the Staff Judge Advocate to Commander, Carrier Strike Group TEN.

In 2010, LCDR Franks reported to Naval Legal Service Office Northwest in Bremerton, Washington, serving as a Legal Assistance and Defense Counsel. From August 2011 to May 2012, he deployed to Parwan, Afghanistan in support of Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435's mission to train, advise and assist the Afghan Justice Sector to develop Rule of Law-based investigation, prosecution and detention of insurgent and terror-related threats. He served as a Justice Advisor to Afghanistan's National Terrorism Court, where he primarily trained Afghan prosecutors in evidence and forensics exploitation and trial strategy and advocacy.



In 2012, LCDR Franks reported to Region Legal Service Office Japan in Yokosuka, Japan to serve as a Trial Counsel and, in August of 2013, transitioned to Assistant Force Judge Advocate to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan. From 2014 to 2016, LCDR Franks served as the Staff Judge Advocate to Commander, Naval Special Warfare Group TWO in Virginia Beach, VA. From October 2014 to March 2015, he deployed to Djibouti, Africa to serve as legal advisor to Special Operations Command Forward - East Africa in support of counterterrorism operations against al-Shabaab and affiliated violent extremist groups. LCDR Franks also served as the Special Operations Liaison Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia for three months in 2016. While there, he advised the U.S. Ambassador on critical special operations initiatives and educated the Defense Attaché's Office on germane regulations for building partner nation and regional capacity.

From 2016 to 2019, LCDR Franks served as a Victims' Legal Counsel (VLC) in Honolulu, Hawaii. While there, he represented 93 victims of sexual assault while also serving as the Officer-in-Charge to six other Judge Advocates in three offices in Hawaii, Japan, and Guam during his final 15 months on station.

LCDR Franks has served as a guest lecturer at the Naval War College Fleet Seminar, U.S. Naval Academy, and George Washington University Naval ROTC program on matters pertaining to Rules of Engagement, the Law of Armed Conflict, and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. He is the current President of the Navy Judge Advocate Hispanic Association and a Presidential Leadership Scholar. LCDR Franks holds a Juris Doctorate from the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, a Masters of Laws from Georgetown University Law Center, and a Masters of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.