# Trip Braund
## Registry of Honor
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Commander Trip Braund recently completed 21 years of active duty service in the U.S. Navy. He is a native of Sheffield, attended L.E. Willson Middle School, and graduated as salutatorian from Sheffield High School.

He attended Vanderbilt University and graduated with degrees in biomedical engineering and molecular biology. Upon graduation in 1989, he entered Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School and was commissioned an officer in the Navy in 1990. After six months of primary flight training, he was selected to fly jet aircraft. CDR Braund earned his "wings of gold" in 1992 and was assigned for follow-on training in the F-14 Tomcat.

CDR Braund completed F-14 training and made two combat deployments with the Jolly Rogers of Fighter Squadron 103, earning two Air Medals for combat operations during the war in Bosnia. CDR Braund is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and has completed numerous tours of duty as a test pilot flying prototype aircraft and performing weapons testing and integration on the F-14. As director for F-14 weapons testing, he led the rapid integration of GPS guided bombs on the F-14 prior to the start of Operation Enduring Freedom.

CDR Braund has 326 arrested aircraft carrier landings and accumulated over 2500 flight hours in 22 types of aircraft to include F-14 Tomcat, F/A-18 Hornet, the F-16 Falcon, and the F-15 Eagle.

He holds a Masters of Science degree in Astronautical Engineering and served as the lead systems engineer for a 6.2 billion dollar Navy communications satellite program. CDR Braund's final assignment was the Navy lead for the development of the $8 billion dollar Joint Air to Ground Missile, which is to be integrated on the Army Apache and Kiowa Warrior helicopters, the Navy Blackhawk and Marine Cobra helicopters and the F-18 E/F Super Hornet.

CDR Braund is married to the former Britney Copeland of Muscle Shoals. They live in Madison, Alabama with their sons: Hunter (7) and Grayson (5) and Bear, the 90lb. chocolate lab.