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Captain Stephen D. Chivers, a native of North Carolina, is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He completed qualification as a Naval Flight Officer with Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 120 in Norfolk, VA. In January 2004 he joined the Seahawks of VAW-126 becoming a TOPGUN AIC and deploying aboard USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN-75) for Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. CAPT Chivers' was subsequently assigned to VAW-120 in February 2007 for service as Weapons and Tactics Instructor and leading the Advanced Hawkeye Fleet Project Team.

After finishing those duties CAPT Chivers reported to COMFIFTHFLT serving from May 2010 to July 2011 as Flag Aide and with Combined Task Force – Individual Augmentee. Upon return to the United States, CAPT Chivers joined the E-2D Fleet Introduction Team supporting Naval Integrated Fire Control. He then reported to the Bear Aces of VAW-124 as Operations Officer and Dynamic Strike Lead, deploying aboard USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH (CVN-77) for ENDURING FREEDOM and INHERENT RESOLVE from October 2012 thru October 2014.

CAPT Chivers' next assignment began in November 2014 with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Force Development Directorate (JS J7). As the Joint Task Force readiness officer his portfolio encompassed preparing the headquarters elements of the Global Response Force, Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, Special Operations Command – Korea (SOCKOR), 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, and revising Joint Publication 3–33: Joint Task Force Headquarters.

He reported to TACRON TWO TWO in May 2018, serving as Commanding Officer from August 2019 through November 2020. During this tour the Skylords deployed in support of TRIDENT JUNCTURE, disaster response for hurricane Dorian, and with BATAAN ARG/26MEU. Following that assignment, he served with COMSEVENTHFLT as Fires and Effects Director and Cruise Missile Officer from December 2020 to January 2023. His current duties include serving as Director of the Joint and Combined Warfighting School providing Phase II Joint Professional Military Education to US military, interagency, and international personnel.

Throughout his career, CAPT Chivers has accumulated 2,000 hours in E-2 variants. CAPT Chivers is a graduate of the Naval War College, Joint Forces Staff College, and holds a Master's Degree in Global Leadership with Project Management Certificate from the University of San Diego. Personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Strike / Flight Air Medal (5), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5), as well as various unit and campaign awards.