

**DERRICK KINGSLEY – *Class of 1992***

Captain (Retired) Derrick Kingsley dedicated 28 years to distinguished service in the United States Navy. After graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1996 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, he earned his Naval Aviator wings in 1998 and went on to fly SH-60 and MH-60 helicopters in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Unified Response, and other critical missions around the globe.

Throughout his career, Kingsley held numerous leadership positions, including squadron Commanding Officer of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron EIGHT (HSC-8), and senior assignments at the Pentagon supporting the Chief of Naval Operations and Joint Staff. He concluded his naval career as Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Patuxent River, overseeing more than 800 personnel and one of the Navy's largest research, test and development aviation installations. His military honors include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Air Medal, and numerous commendations.

Following retirement in 2024, Kingsley continued his career as a helicopter pilot and currently serves with the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department's Aviation Unit.