

TW-1 Reserve Component names new CO

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Training Wing One (TW-1) Reserve Component and Training Squadron Seven Squadron Augment Unit (VT-7 SAU) welcomed their new commanding officers during a change of command ceremony, Nov. 8 on board NAS Meridian.

Cmdr. William Angermann took control of the Reserve Component from Capt. (Sel.) Douglas Story who served as the commanding officer for the past two years. Cmdr. Scott Downey replaced Angermann as VT-7's SAU commanding officer.

The guest speaker for the event was retired Capt. Jody Richardson, former commanding officer of VT-7, who is now a flight simulator instructor as well as a Joint Professional Military Education professor.

"To Douglas, I am so proud for having worked with him for three years," Richardson said. "These aviators have influenced countless Navy and Marine aviators."

Story graduated cum laude from Vanderbilt University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and commissioned on the same day. He was designated a naval aviator in May 1989 and served as a SEGRAD flight instructor in Training Squadron 19 before transferring to the East Coast A-6E Fleet Replacement Squadron, VA-42 Green Pawns. He also served as personnel officer and landing signal officer while assigned to VA-85 Black Falcons aboard the USS America (CV-66).

While serving as an advanced strike flight instructor and LSO for three years at Meridian, he flew with VT-7 and was selected as the 1996 Chief of Naval Air Training Landing Signal Officer of the Year. He transitioned to the Navy Reserve in April 1998 to pursue a career as a civilian commercial pilot. He commanded VTR-7 from October 2006 through 2008 before serving as TW-1's Reserve Component commander.

"It's time to simplify life by staying home... (work with) a civilian boss and be with my family," Story told the audience. "This place has defined me all these years."

Story will be serving as the Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison to the state of Mississippi.

Cmdr. Angermann expressed his enthusiasm during his speech as he took over as TW-1 Reserve Component commander.

"I am happy to have taken this duty and what the job entails," Angermann said. "I can't over emphasize what our job as aviators is ... the hard work and the pilots we have trained."

Angermann, commissioned in 1990, was selected for the NAVCAD program. He subsequently enrolled in AOCS in June 1990. He trained in the Fleet Replacement Squadron before reporting to VAW-122 Steeljaws in September 1993 where he was selected as a nominee for the East Coast Hawkeye of the Year. He was detailed with VAW-126 on board USS Theodore Roosevelt to complete his sea tour after VAW-122 was decommissioned. He accepted orders to VT-19 Attack Frogs to fly the T-2 Buckeye in 1997. During his tenure with VT-19, he was phase head LSO, assistant standardization officer and assistant operations officer. He transferred from active duty and was selected CTW-1 Reserve Flight Instructor in 2000.

After spending a year as a pilot with United Airlines, and following the attacks on 9/11, he accepted a mobilization to two years of active duty flying with VT-9. He was the first VT-9 T-2 instructor pilot to transition to the T-45 and became the T-45 operations officer for the squadron during the aircraft transition. He returned to instructing as a reserve pilot for few years before taking a military leave of absence from United Airlines and accepting three year orders to active duty in March 2008. He was selected to be VT-7 SAU commanding officer in October 2008.

Cmdr. Scott Downey assumed the duties as VT-7 SAU commanding officer during the change of command ceremony as Angermann moves on to become TW-1 Reserve Component Commander.

Downey graduated in December 1994 with a bachelor's degree in finance and was commissioned the same day. He was designated a naval aviator in June 1997. He completed the F/A-18 FRS in Jacksonville, Fla., and made two deployments with VFA-86 and CVW-1 in 1998. He joined VT-21 as an instructor and LSO in April 2002. He also served with TW-2 as wing landing signal officer in 2004 and went back to VT-21 as the training/standardization officer, operations officer and reserve department head in 2005.

Downey transitioned to VTR-21 while also becoming the administrative pastor at Bay Area Fellowship in Corpus Christi, Texas in 2007. He left VTR-21 as the executive officer to accept the position with VTR-7 in Meridian.