

Captain Jami Mason

Captain Jami Mason, a native of San Fernando Valley, California, graduated from Van Nuys High School June 1976. Upon graduation she enlisted in September and reported to Orlando, Florida for initial training. Following boot camp, she attended Aviation Storekeeper School in Meridian, MS and received orders for an overseas tour in Okinawa, Japan at Commander Fleet Activity Kadena AFB.

Captain Mason returned stateside for her final active duty tour with HSL-31, the Sea Snakes, at Naval Air Reserve San Diego. She affiliated as a Reservist and served in ASWOC 1294, COMNAVAIRPAC 0194, HSL-84 and VR-57 where she qualified as Aircrewman aboard the C-9 aircraft. She graduated from Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Instructional Technology May 1986, and a Masters of Science degree from National University in Vocational Education April 1987. She was commissioned as an Ensign in April 1989.

After twelve years as a Selected Reservist, Captain Mason was recalled in November 1992 to active duty assigned to Naval Reserve Recruiting Command Detachment One San Diego, CA as a Naval Reserve Canvasser Recruiter. She was the Detachment's Officer Recruiter of the Year for Fiscal Year's 1995, 1996, 1997 and was selected as the Commander Naval Reserve Recruiting Command's National Officer Recruiter of the Year for 1996. During her tenure as a field recruiter, she earned twenty-one Gold Wreath Awards for recruiting excellence. She performed her follow-on tour as Detachment One's Officer Programs Officer. As the Detachment transitioned to command status in November 2000, she assumed the position of Executive Officer. Captain Mason was selected as a full time support officer in 2001 and reported to Fresno Armed Forces Reserve Center as the Commanding Officer June 2001. During her command tour, Captain Mason was awarded the Bresnahan Junior Officer of the Year. Following command, she reported to Commander Navy Reserve Forces Command, New Orleans, where she served as the Manpower and Policy officer. Captain Mason was selected as the detailee for the recruiter and fleet support officers that transitioned to human resources officer and served at Navy Personnel Command from June 2005-2007. After a successful detailing tour, Captain Mason returned to Command as the Commanding Officer of Navy Operational Support Center Portland, Oregon, from July 2007 - March 2010. From April 2010 - March 2012 Captain Mason served as Deputy Fleet Operational Support Officer at Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Captain Mason is presently assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary Of Defense for Reserve Affairs as the Navy Liaison Officer for the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

Her decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards), Army Achievement Medal and various service awards.