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CDR Reynolds graduated from the University of Illinois in 2002 with degrees in Electrical Engineering. He was designated a Naval Aviator in 2005 and, after completing training in the F/A-18C Hornet, was assigned to the Argonauts of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 147. While with the Argonauts, he completed two deployments, transitioned to the F/A-18E Super Hornet, and flew combat missions in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

In 2011, he graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School and US Naval Test Pilot School (Class 140) with a M.S. in Systems Engineering. CDR Reynolds was subsequently assigned as a project officer with the Salty Dogs of Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23. Returning to the operational fleet at NAS Lemoore, CA, he joined the VFA-113 Stingers as a department head in 2013, where he deployed and flew combat missions in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. He then transitioned to the F-35C at VFA-101, in Eglin AFB, FL, and in 2016 was assigned as Operations Officer for the reactivation of the VFA-125 Rough Raiders at NAS Lemoore, CA.

In 2018, CDR Reynolds was assigned as the Effectiveness Lead, JSF Operational Test Team, during the Initial Operational Test and Evaluation of the F-35 at Edwards AFB, CA. In Dec 2019, he reported to the Vampires of VX-9 detachment Edwards AFB as Executive Officer. CDR Reynolds has flown over 2,000 flight hours in 27 different aircraft, including over 1,000 hours in the F/A-18C and over 250 hours in the F-35C. He has accumulated 490 carrier arrested landings on nine different aircraft carriers. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Strike Flight Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and various other personal and unit commendations.