

HECTOR VIRAMONTES | USN

// Master Chief Avionics Technician (AW/SW)

Master Chief Avionics Technician (AW/SW) Hector Viramontes is a native of Pico Rivera, California. He graduated from El Rancho High School in 1995. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in November 1995, where he completed Basic Training and Airman Apprenticeship Training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Hector's first fleet assignment was with Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 81 at Naval Air Station (NAS) Cecil Field, Florida, as an Airman Recruit working on the F/A-18C Hornet. While assigned to the "Sunliners" he completed his first deployment in 1996 onboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65) followed by two additional Atlantic, 5th, and 7th Fleet deployments, supporting Operations Enduring Freedom, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom and Maritime Intercept Operations onboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) and USS George Washington (CVN 73).

Hector then reported to Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron, VMFAT-101, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar, California, in 2000, where he served as an Aviation Electrician's Mate Collateral Duty Inspector and APU/Engine Operator on F/A-18A-D Hornets. In 2003, he reported to VFA-146 at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California, where he was Leading Petty Officer of the Aviation Electrician Branch, completing one Western Pacific and a 5th Fleet global deployment supporting Operations Enduring Freedom onboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). Just before detaching, Hector was advanced to Chief Petty Officer.

In 2007, Hector transferred to the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit at NAS Lemoore and served as Accession School Instructor as well as F/A-18C/D Hornet Organizational Electrical Systems Maintenance Course Instructor. In 2008, Hector reported to Fleet Replenishment Squadron (FRS) Strike Fighter Training Squadron 125, and then to VFA-151. While assigned to the Vigilantes, he completed two Western Pacific and 5th fleet deployments onboard the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). He promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer in 2012, and in 2013 he was selected to be part of Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Pacific (CSFWP) staff and inspection team.

In 2017, he transferred to VFA-154 performing the duties as Quality Assurance Supervisor and Maintenance Senior Chief, completing a Western Pacific and 5th fleet global deployment in support of operation Inherent Resolve onboard the USS Nimitz (CVN 68). He promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer in 2018 and was then transferred to VFA-25 where he led the Fist of the Fleet maintenance department through an extended deployment onboard the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) in support of operation Freedom's Sentinel. He holds technician certifications by Aviation Schools of America to include a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) License with radar endorsement, fiber optics and PC repair.

Hector joined the Blue Angels in October 2022. His personal awards include six Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, six Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various unit and campaign awards.