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## **Russell A. Blauw**



### **Assistant Deputy Commandant for Aviation (Sustainment)**

Mr. Blauw serves as the Assistant Deputy Commandant of Aviation (Sustainment), Headquarters United States Marine Corps. He is the principal advisor to the Deputy Commandant of Aviation on all matters related to Marine Aviation readiness and sustainment, including strategic goals, requirements, plans and policies. He is also responsible for the integration of Marine Aviation into the Naval Aviation Enterprise.

This is Mr. Blauw's initial appointment to the Senior Executive Service.

Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in December 1991, Mr. Blauw will retire from active duty on 1 October 2020 with the rank of Colonel after capping his 29-year career by leading the Aviation Logistics community through a period of significant readiness recovery for Marine Aviation beginning in 2017.

Mr. Blauw has extensive experience supporting Marine Aviation from the Organizational and Intermediate squadron levels, in command and high level staffs. Following his initial fleet tour at Marine Corps Air Station New River, NC, where he completed a Mediterranean deployment, he served as an Assignments Monitor and completed a tour as an Operations Officer planning for the support of multiple combat deployments during OEF and OIF. As a Lieutenant Colonel, he served as the Commanding Officer for both Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31 at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, SC and in combat as the Commanding Officer of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 40 at Camp Leatherneck, AF. As a Colonel, he was the first commander of the newly established Marine Aviation Training Support Group 23 at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL, the sole Aviation Logistics Colonel level command. His high-level staff experience includes a four year tour on the OPNAV N98 staff responsible for funding all F-35 Maintenance and Logistics Requirements, time at Marine Aviation as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer and the lead for F-35 Logistics and Sustainment, and his most recent tour as both the Deputy Branch Head and Branch Head of the Aviation Logistics Support Branch where he drove the effort to increase aircraft maintenance capacity in Marine flying squadrons.

Mr. Blauw holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Florida State University. He is a graduate of Amphibious Warfare School and holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security and

Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy. Mr. Blauw is a member of the Marine Corps Association and the Marine Corps Aviation Association.