



United States Navy Biography

Lieutenant Benjamin C. Kohlmann F/A-18 Instructor

LT Kohlmann is a F/A-18 instructor pilot with the Sharpshooters of VMFAT-101. He assumed his current billet in Feb 2011, and has served as Schedules Officer and Flight Officer. He primarily instructs Basic Fighter Maneuvers.

From 2008-2011, LT Kohlmann served with the VFA-41 Black Aces out of Lemoore, CA. He made WESTPAC deployments in both 2008 and 2009. He flew Close Air Support missions over Afghanistan during the 2009-2010 campaign.

He is the founder of Disruptive Thinkers, a San Diego based venture dedicated to exploring unorthodox national security solutions by linking junior military leaders with successful civilian entrepreneurs and executives. He also authors the Disruptive Thinkers blog.



Kohlmann graduated from Northwestern University in 2004 with a degree in Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences. He has accumulated more than 1,300 hours in all variants of the F/A-18 (A-F) and over 360 arrested landings. He has been awarded the Air Medal (First Strike/Flight award) in addition to personal and unit awards.

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