

Captain Scott A. Bernotas
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Captain Scott A. Bernotas is the Commanding Officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Midwest, headquartered at Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois.

Captain Bernotas was born in Kentucky but raised in Hawaii and San Diego. He graduated in 1986 from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Captain Bernotas was commissioned in November 1986. His first duty station was Camp Pendleton, California, as an Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction. Following that tour, he reported to Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in 1989 as the Head of the Job Order Contracts Branch and then Deputy Operations Officer. His next assignment was Post Graduate School at the University of Hawaii, where he graduated in 1992 with a Masters in Civil Engineering. Upon graduation, he was sent to Naval Air Warfare Center, Trenton, New Jersey, as the Environmental Officer to develop the BRAC Environmental Cleanup Plan.

In 1994, he reported to Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE in San Diego as Alfa Company Commander. In August of 1996, Captain Bernotas attended the Defense Language Institute at Monterey, California, to study Italian. After language training, he reported to Aviano Air Base to serve as the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction for Northern Italy. Then, in 1999, he reported onboard Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE as the Operations Officer, deploying to Rota, Spain, and Guam, where the battalion earned the Battle "E" and Peltier Award. Captain Bernotas' next assignment was at the Pentagon in the Expeditionary Warfare Division of the OPNAV staff, as the resource sponsor for Navy landing craft, Naval Beach Groups, and Navy Maritime Prepositioning Force assets.

In 2003, he was assigned as the North Area Public Works Officer for Naval District Washington, where he served as Program Manager for the relocation of the Department of Homeland Security onto the Nebraska Avenue Complex. Subsequently, he served as the Transformation Officer to stand up NAVFAC Washington and then as its first Public Works Business Line Coordinator in 2004. Captain Bernotas deployed in May 2005 to Iraq as the Operations Officer for the THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment in support of operations at nine bases in western Iraq. After returning from Iraq, he served a brief stint as NAVFAC Headquarters' Product Line Leader for Facilities Sustainment. In July 2006, he reported to NAVFAC Northwest as the Operations Officer and in June 2007 "fleeted-up" to Executive Officer. Most recently, Captain Bernotas served on the staff of Commander, Navy Installations Command, from August 2008 to July 2010.

Captain Bernotas is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of California, a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Officer, and a member of the Acquisition Professional Community. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy Achievement Medal, along with various campaign, unit and service awards.