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## UNITED STATES NAVY



JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS  
CAPT Joseph G. Hoelz , JAGC, USN

CAPT Hoelz is from New Ulm, Minnesota. He graduated from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota in 1994. Hoelz was commissioned through the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps Student Program in 1996, and received his juris doctorate from the University of Minnesota School of Law in 1998. Hoelz earned a masters of law degree (international law) from Columbia Law School in 2011. He currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General – National Security Law.

Hoelz served as the Staff Judge Advocate for Carrier Strike Group Ten aboard USS Harry S. Truman from 2008 through 2010, where he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. In June 2011, Hoelz deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He served as the Deputy Director of the Legal Operations Directorate for CJIAF-435, and as Officer-in-Charge of the Justice Center in Parwan, Afghanistan's anti-terrorism court.

Hoelz's first JAG Corps assignment was as a prosecutor at Trial Service Office West in San Diego, California. He assumed duties as the Command Judge Advocate for Naval Special Warfare Center in Coronado, California in 2001. In 2004, Hoelz reported to Naval Legal Service Office, Europe and Southwest Asia, Naples, Italy, where he served as the Civil Law Department Head. He also served at the Region Legal Service Office, Europe and Southwest Asia, Naples, Italy, where he was the Director of Civil and International Law. Hoelz was assigned to the Office of the Special Assistant for Transformation at the Office of the Judge Advocate General in 2006. From 2012 through 2015, he served as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for U.S. Pacific Fleet. Hoelz served as the Chief of Operational Law at U.S. Pacific Command from 2015 through 2017.

Hoelz's decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2), Meritorious Service Medal (3), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2), and other unit and service awards. He is also entitled to wear the Navy/Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia. Hoelz is a recipient of the Judge Advocate Association's Outstanding Career Judge Advocate Award.