

NAVAL ROTC UNIT

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

LT Michael W. Adams Naval Science Instructor

Lieutenant Michael Adams enlisted in the Navy in 2010. After completing the nuclear enlisted training pipeline as an Electrician's Mate (Nuclear), he served as a Junior Staff Instructor at NPTU Ballston Spa for two years, training the next generation of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program operators, and qualifying as a Master Training Specialist. He was selected for the fiscal year 2014 Seaman-to-Admiral 21 commissioning program, and he graduated from SUNY Maritime College in 2017 with a B.E. in Mechanical Engineering.



After completing the nuclear officer training pipeline, he served as a Division Officer on USS ALABAMA (SSBN 731) (BLUE), completing four strategic deterrent patrols. His roles included Reactor Control Assistant, Damage Control Assistant, Quality Assurance Officer, and Assistant Engineer Officer. LT Adams detached from USS ALABAMA in November 2021 to report to his first shore tour as a Naval ROTC instructor at Virginia Military Institute.

At NROTCU Virginia Military Institute, his roles include the Nuclear Programs Officer, Midshipman 2/C Advisor, and Naval Engineering/Naval Weapons instructor.

His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award, Navy Good Conduct medal with one bronze star in lieu of second award, National Defense Service medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and Pistol Sharpshooter ribbon.