

RICHIE SCHMERMUND, LCDR, USN

Bio: LCDR Richie Schmermund is a native of Gambrills, Maryland and a 2011 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. He service selected Naval Intelligence and subsequently attended Naval Intelligence Officer Basic Course (NIOBC) from July - December 2011.

As a naval intelligence officer, he served as the Aviation Intelligence Officer, Security Manager, and a Division Officer for STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO TWO (VFA-22) from January 2012 – December 2013. While with VFA-22, he deployed with CARRIER AIR WING SEVENTEEN (CVW-17) on the USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) as part of CARRIER STRIKE GROUP ONE (CSG-1). He served his next tour as a Senior Collection Officer for the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) Collections Office from December 2013 – July 2017. After ONI, he attended National Intelligence University (NIU) in Bethesda, MD where he earned a Master's Degree in Strategic Intelligence Studies and graduated in July 2018. Beginning in August 2018, he was assigned to USCYBERCOM J2 where he served as an Intelligence Watch Officer at the USCYBERCOM Joint Operations Center (JOC), the Deputy Branch Chief for USCYBERCOM J2 Watch, and the Deputy Mission Manager for USCYBERCOM J2 JIOC Asia Pacific Division. He then completed a second tour of duty at ONI from August 2021 to February 2024 where he served as the Military Deputy Department Head for ONI N22 Collection Management and the Reserve Liaison Officer (RLO) for ONI N2.

PoliSci Areas: International Relations and Strategic Intelligence Studies (Asia focus)

Research Interest: U.S.-China relations; China Soft Power (Belt Road Initiative); International Organizations' impacts on foreign policy strategy

Current Courses: FP130 starting August 2024