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Ever wonder who repairs and maintains the jets and their sophisticated systems that are flying in our local skies? Training units love our local weather. Part of operating any mechanical device whether it's your personal vehicle, your a/c unit -- or in this case, an F/A-18 Super Hornet, they require regular maintenance, and replacement parts. That's where Strike Fighter Wing Pacific Maintenance Unit, detachment El Centro comes into the picture.

Commander Strike Fighter Wing, Pacific (CSFWP), is based at Naval Air Station Lemoore, CA, with one of its detachment located in El Centro.

This month's speaker is Lieutenant Timme, who is serving El Centro's Officer in Charge (OIC). He is a native of Lewiston, ID. He enlisted in the Navy in 2002 as an Aviation Structural Mechanic, rising to the rank of First Class Petty Officer, and then received his commission as a Limited Duty Officer (6330 – Aviation Maintenance) in 2015.

Lieutenant Timme's enlisted tours of duty include assignments to VAQ-129 (2003-2005), VAQ-135 (2005-2010), FRC Det Fallon (2010-2012), and VAQ-133 (2013-2015). A few noteworthy accomplishments during that time include his selection as the COMVAQWINGPAC Quality Assurance Specialist of the year for 2014. Additionally he earned his FA-18 E/F and EA-18G Safe for Flight qualification in 2015 while assigned to VAQ-133. He also completed 5 combat deployments during his time with VAQ-135 and VAQ-133.

After commissioning in December of 2015 and attending the LDO/CWO Academy school in Newport, Rhode Island, LT Timme was detailed to USS NIMITZ (March 2016 to June 2019). Onboard NIMITZ he served as the DIVO for IM-2 and IM-3 divisions and well as the QAO. He also assumed the duty as the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) allowing the AIMD Department to maintain its X-Ray program capabilities. Additionally, he was chosen by Senior Leadership to represent NIMITZ and its crew during a documentary produced by Discovery Education titled "America's NAVY, STEM in the classroom".

LT Timme's second tour of duty was with the VX-1 "Pioneers" in Patuxent River, MD (July 2019 to April 2023). While there he served as the QAO, MMCO and AMO. As the MMCO he managed 13 aircraft covering 5 Type/Model/Series aircraft (P-8A, E-2D, MH-60R/S and MQ-8C). As the AMO he managed the squadron's manpower consisting of 317 billets across the multiple platforms. He also assumed the duties as the Contracting Officer Representative (COR). During that time as the COR he answered the challenge given by CNAL (RDML Meier) to find a way to cut costs. Over the course of two contract renegotiations he able to cut and save the Navy 2.8 million dollars in contractor funds. Additionally, in 2021 he earned his Professional Aviation Maintenance Officer (PAMO) qualification.

LT Timme has been awarded the Navy-Marine Corp Commendation Medal (two awards), the Navy-Marine Corp Achievement Medal (six awards), Navy Unit Commendation (one award), Good Conduct Medal (five awards), and other various campaign awards.