

## **Captain James Brooks**

Biography – Captain James S. Brooks – Joint Task Force Ares Deputy Information Operations Chief

2020 Operations in the Information Environment Officer of the Year Award

Captain Brooks graduated from Gilman School, Baltimore, MD (2010), and Harvard University (2014).

He attended the following military service schools: The Basic School (2015); Infantry Officer Course (2015); Scout Sniper Unit Leaders Course (2015); Ground Intelligence Officer Course (2016); Naval Collection Managers Course (2017); Intermediate MAGTF Information Operations Practitioners Course (2019); Counterterrorism Information Operations Course (2019); and the Special Operations Military Deception Planners Course (2019).

Captain Brooks' previous awards to date are:

1. Joint Service Commendation Medal
2. Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal
3. Sea Service Deployment (Second Award)
4. Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal
5. Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
6. Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
7. National Defense Service Medal

As the Deputy Chief of Information Warfare for Joint Task Force-ARES, Captain James Brooks served as a leader and subject matter expert in the planning and execution of Operations in the Information Environment (OIE) in support of U.S. Cyber Command's joint and multi-national efforts to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and Al-Sham. Captain Brooks was instrumental in the creation of the JTF-ARES Information Warfare Cell, responsible for the integration, coordination, and execution of over (600) OIE within the cyberspace domain. He was also instrumental in the design and execution of (11) separate Combatant Command-level OIE plans, leading to the integration of diverse capabilities in counterterrorism operations. Captain Brooks also co-authored an intelligence information paper with the Defense Combating Terrorism Center focusing on the Islamic State's information capabilities, contributing a timely and relevant study to the OIE and intelligence communities.