

# NAVAL ROTC UNIT

## VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

### LT Mario Evans

#### Naval Science Instructor

Lieutenant Evans was born and raised in Powder Springs, GA. He graduated Tuskegee University in 2019 earning a B.S. in Biology. He commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer from Tuskegee University NROTC Unit in May 2019.

Following commissioning and initial training pipelines, LT Evans reported to USS Barry (DDG 52) forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. He served throughout the Engineering Department as the Main Propulsions Division Officer, Electrical Officer, and finally the Assistant Chief Engineer. While forward deployed to Japan he completed multiple patrols throughout the entire 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet AOR including Freedom of Navigation Operations (FONOPS) against foreign adversaries, multi-national training exercises, and a

continuous 287-day deployment during the COVID epidemic, earning the Battle "E" and Pacific Fleet Bloodhound Award with his crewmates for their efforts. LT Evans then detached in 2022 to report to and commission the USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123) as a plank-owner, the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and later took over as the Weapons Officer. After this he reported for his shore tour as a Naval ROTC instructor at Virginia Military Institute in July 2024.

At NROTC Virginia Military Institute, his roles include the Command Managed Equal Opportunity (CMEO) manager, Midshipman 4/C Advisor, and Naval Operations/Naval Seamanship instructor.

His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with three gold stars in lieu of third award, Navy "E" Ribbon, National Defense Service medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon with bronze "S" in lieu of Sharpshooter.

