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Captain Sean Hays is the Military Associate Dean School of International Graduate Studies, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey California, providing support to the SIGS Dean and senior mentorship to Navy Foreign Area Officers in Monterey and the West Coast.

CAPT Hays earned his Bachelor of Arts in History from Miami University in 1999 and a Master of Arts in Diplomacy from Norwich University in 2007. He completed Joint Professional Military Education Phase One through the US Air Force's Air Command and Staff College in 2009. He completed the Defense Language Institute's Basic French course, Joint Foreign Area Officer Phase One and the Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management's Security Cooperation Officer Course in 2013 and completed Joint Military Attaché School in 2015. He graduated from Joint Forces Staff College, completing Joint Professional Military Education Phase II and refreshed his Security Cooperation qualification in 2018

CAPT Hays earned his Naval Flight Officer wings in 2000, deploying from Japan to the Western Pacific Ocean and over Iraq flying EA-6B Prowlers with Electronic Attack Squadron 136. He completed an exchange tour with the British Royal Air Force flying the Tornado GR4 from Lossiemouth, Scotland and twice on deployment in Qatar. He served as a Training Officer in Electronic Attack Squadron 142 with two more Iraq deployments and then as a Department Head at the Electronic Attack Weapons School prior to transitioning to the Navy's Foreign Area Officer program in late 2012.

As a Foreign Area Officer, CAPT Hays was the Naval Programs Officer for the Office of Security Cooperation in Lagos, Nigeria and then the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché to Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea. He then served on staff at US Africa Command Headquarters in Stuttgart Germany, where he coordinated all military activities in Somalia. Captain Hays was most recently the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché to Djibouti, responsible for all aspects of the bilateral military relationship with the Government of Djibouti.

He has flown more than 2,600 hours with 263 traps and has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with Valor and eight Strike/Flight Air Medals, three Navy Commendation medals and various campaign and deployment decorations.

CAPT Hays is married and has two teenage daughters.