

Wing Commander David Houghton
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Wing Commander David Houghton is a native of Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef in the state of Queensland, Australia. He joined the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in 1991 as an Aeronautical Engineer while studying at the University of Queensland. Graduating with a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), he completed several tours at RAAF Base Amberley as a maintenance, design and acquisition engineer for Australia's F-111 fighter/bomber fleet.

Moving to Canberra in 2002, he continued in the acquisition stream, working in the Airborne Early Warning and Control Project as part of the Integrated Logistic Support team, developing plans and processes for the introduction of E-7A AEW&C aircraft into Australian service.

In 2006, he joined the New Air Combat Capability Program Office, the Australian element of Joint Strike Fighter program in Washington, DC: representing Australian interests to the US led Joint Strike Fighter Program Office (JSFPO) and served in the JSFPO Production IPT.

Returning to Australia in 2010 as a student at the Australian Command and Staff College, he graduated with distinction and was posted to Air Force Headquarters as the Deputy Director Smart Sustainment. In October of 2012 he returned to the US to undertake his current duties at Naval Air Station Patuxent River as the PMA-290 P-8A Joint Program Office Deputy Program Manager.

Wing Commander Houghton has also completed a Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts in Strategy and Management and, is a member of the Institution of Engineers Australia as a Chartered Professional Engineer.