

**Peter "Fizz" Ban**
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Peter Ban is a retired U.S. Marine and a native of Setauket, N.Y. His last assignment was Fleet Marine Officer (FMO), U.S. SEVENTH Fleet. He started his career as a Naval Flight Officer, trained as an Electronic Countermeasure Officer (ECMO) for the EA-6B Prowler electronic attack jet. In 2013, with the impending sundown of the EA-6B Prowler, Peter transitioned to an Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Officer and flew the RQ-7B Shadow and RQ-21A Blackjack UAS platforms.

Peter has four combat deployments, three to Iraq for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) in 2004, 2006, and 2008, and one to Afghanistan for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) in 2014. Other significant operations include humanitarian / disaster relief (HA/DR) operations in the Philippines after Typhoon Ondoy in September 2009; Exercise INVINCIBLE SPIRIT in July 2010, the response to North Korea's sinking of the South Korean ship ROKS Cheonan; and HA/DR operations after the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami in Japan in March 2011. His command assignments include Company Commander, Airfield Operations Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron (MWSS) 171 in Iwakuni, Japan; Detachment Commander, Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron (VMU) Detachment A in Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan; and Commanding Officer, VMU-3, in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Peter has held staff positions at Marine Corps Warfighting Lab (MCWL) as a Liaison Officer to the Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO); Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) as an Action Officer in the now defunct N99 Unmanned Systems Directorate; Combat Development and Integration, Headquarters Marine Corps, as the UAS Capabilities Integration Officer. Peter is a graduate of the Marine Corps University Command and Staff College and Japan's National Institute of Defense Studies 70th General Course.

Peter is married to the former Kazuko Uega. They have one son, Colorado.