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Captain Gruetzmacher is currently serving as the Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science at the Houston Consortium Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit. The Consortium is headquartered on the campus of Rice University and includes midshipmen and officer candidates from Rice, the University of Houston, Houston Baptist University, Texas Southern University, and Prairie View A&M University.

Captain Gruetzmacher was commissioned a US Navy Ensign in 1981 from Texas A&M University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology. He holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

Captain Gruetzmacher is a Naval Flight Officer in the EA-6B aircraft and has made 7 extended worldwide deployments on various US Navy aircraft carriers. He has served in various aviation squadron assignments including Executive and Commanding Officer of an EA-6B squadron. He has also served in various Joint, staff, and instructor assignments.

Captain Gruetzmacher's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Strike Flight Air Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Captain Gruetzmacher has accumulated over 4,200 total flight hours and 1012 carrier arrested landings on 13 different aircraft carriers.

Captain Gruetzmacher and his wife are native Texans and reside in Katy. Their son Jeffrey is a US Navy Ensign in flight school in Corpus Christie and their daughter Emily will be a senior at Texas A&M in the fall.