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**KRISTOFER TURNBOW**  
**UNITED STATES NAVY**  
**1971 – 2010**  
**CAPTAIN (E-6)**

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Kristofer "Kris" Turnbow was attending Rockhurst College when he decided instead to enlist in the United States Navy in 1971 at the age of 19. Despite his eagerness to volunteer for deployment to Vietnam, he was initially assigned to a patrol squadron (VP-47) working in aircraft maintenance on the P-3 Orion anti-submarine aircraft. He remained on active duty until 1975 when he returned home to Raytown, Missouri and entered the reserves.

During his time in the reserves, he was a member of the Raytown Police Force. In 1979 the Navy was actively recruiting those in law enforcement who were interested in the intelligence service. He began that training for conversion to Intelligence Specialist as an enlisted man and a few years later became a commissioned officer where he worked in counterintelligence and counterterrorism (CICT).

In 1998, at the rank of Lieutenant Commander, he was called to active duty for a Med cruise aboard the USS Caron where he was the intelligence officer for the Commander of Destroyer Squadron 22. This period was marked by heightened tensions with Saddam Hussein, who initially refused to allow the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to inspect Iraq's nuclear facilities. Hussein eventually conceded and permitted the inspections to proceed in April 1998.

After 9/11, Kris was called to active duty three times. First serving in 2002 as liaison to the Counterintelligence Staff Office for US Transportation Command at the Pentagon. In 2003, he was extended in active service to return to US Transcom as the Director of the Counterintelligence Staff Office. Kris' last major assignment was in 2009 where he served as Security Forces Director for Multi -National Security Transition Command - Iraq. He returned from Iraq in February 2010 and retired from the Navy after 39 years in September 2010.

He resides in Raymore, Missouri where he was elected Mayor in 2016. He and his wife Vicki have four children and eight grandchildren.