

CAPTAIN ROBERT E. RASMUSSEN, USN
DEPUTY COMMANDER
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Captain Robert E. Rasmussen is originally from Monterey, California, and is a third generation Naval Aviator. He received a BS/BA degree in Operations Analysis/Business from the University of Florida and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

After flight training in Pensacola, Florida and Meridian, Mississippi, where he was a distinguished graduate, he reported to Strike Fighter Squadron 101 at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California, for transition training to the FA-18 Hornet. His first fleet tour was at Cecil Field, Florida, with Strike Fighter Squadron 86, where he completed three deployments aboard USS AMERICA, including Operations DESERT STORM and NORTH STAR (involving carrier operations above the Arctic Circle and within Norwegian fjords). While with VFA-86, he served as a Landing Signal Officer, Naval Aviation Training and Procedures Standardization Officer, Maintenance Division Officer and Training Officer.



His first shore tour was as an instructor with the Naval Strike Air Warfare Center in Fallon, Nevada, during which time he graduated from the Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron (MAWTS-1) Weapons and Tactics Instructor course and served as the Airwing Training Officer. He then served two years as the three-star Aide de Camp to Commander Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, Virginia. After graduating from the Naval Safety Program at the Naval Post Graduate School, he served periods as Administrative, Safety, Maintenance, and Operations Department Head with the 105th Strike Fighter Squadron, based at Cecil Field, Florida, and Oceana, Virginia. While there, he completed combat deployments aboard USS ENTERPRISE (Operations DESERT FOX and NOBILE ANVIL) and USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (Operations SOUTHERN WATCH).

Captain Rasmussen's next assignment was as the Safety, Training and Operations Officer at Strike Fighter Squadron 106, the Navy's largest Fleet Replacement (FA-18 Training) Squadron. He reported as Executive Officer of Strike Fighter Squadron 131 in March 2003 aboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM) and assumed command of that squadron in May 2004. While in command, VFA-131 became the first operational Navy squadron to be equipped with the AIM-9X and Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System.

After command, he completed Masters of International Strategy and Policy requirements from the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS) of the National Defense University and was designated a Joint Operational Planner. He then reported to the NATO Allied Command Transformation as a Strategic Concepts officer and operational planner. Captain Rasmussen's most recent assignment was a split tour as the Director of Fleet Training, U.S. Second Fleet, and Fleet/Joint Training Execution and

Certification Head at U.S. Fleet Forces Command. He reported to the 601st Air and Space Operations Center as the Deputy Commander in July 2013.

He has over 4,500 flight hours in various aircraft and 855 arrested landings aboard nine U.S. and French aircraft carriers.

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