

**CAPT JAMES H. HINELINE III, USN BIOGRAPHY
DEPUTY COMMANDER
601ST AIR AND SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER**

Captain James H. Himeline, the son of an Army officer, is a native of numerous Army Posts and finally the Northern Virginia area. He attended the University of Florida, and graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering and received his commission as an Ensign through the NROTC program. He commenced flight training at NAS Pensacola, Florida, and was designated a Naval Aviator in January 1988 at NAS Chase Field in Beeville, Texas.



Selected to fly the F-14A, Captain Himeline reported to VF-124, NAS Miramar, San Diego, California, for F-14 replacement training. After completion, he reported to the "Fighting Checkmates" of VF-211, attached to Carrier Air Wing NINE, embarked in USS NIMITZ. While there he served in the maintenance and operations departments, transitioned to the F-14A (Plus) and deployed to the Western Pacific in support of Operation Desert Storm.

In 1992, Captain Himeline was assigned to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron FOUR (VX-4) "Evaluators," Naval Air Weapons Station, Pt. Mugu, California. While in VX-4 he served as the Assistant Maintenance Officer; Operational Test Director for F-14 Strike Warfare development, Operational Flight Program (OFF) 116A for the F-14A/B and F-14 NVG integration and as the Assistant Chief Operational Test Director. In addition, he flew all models of the F-14 and FA-18 in support of various acquisition programs.

Leaving VX-4 in 1995, CAPT Himeline reported to the VF-2 "Bounty Hunters" where he helped plan and execute the first F-14 squadron change of homeport from NAS Miramar, California, to NAS Oceana, Virginia. Following the move, he deployed to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch with Carrier Air Wing TWO, embarked in USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64). He completed his tour as the squadron's Maintenance Officer. In 1998, CAPT Himeline moved to the Carrier Air Wing TWO (CVW-2) staff, NAS Lemoore, California, as the Operations Officer, flying both the F-14D and FA-18C. Here he developed the Air Combat Commander (ACC) concept within the CONSTELLATION Carrier Battle Group and deployed to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch. On this deployment, the CVW-2/CV 64 team surpassed 10,000 arrested landings, setting a new benchmark for follow-on carrier deployments.

In 2000, Captain Himeline reported to the staff of Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific Fleet as the F-14, FA-18E/F and Adversary Readiness and Requirements Officer. He co-chaired the Transition Support Process Action Team (TSPAT) for fleet FA-18E/F introduction and completely revised Navy Adversary scheduling greatly increasing asset utilization. In addition, he earned a Masters of Science in Global Leadership degree from the University Of San Diego School Of Business through the Navy's Graduate Education Voucher Program.

Captain Himeline reported for duty as the Executive Officer of Training Squadron TWENTY-TWO (VT-22) "Golden Eagles" in September of 2002 and assumed command in August 2003. During his tenure as CO, VT-22 flew over 14,440 sorties totaling more than 16,056 flight hours, deployed on eight different aircraft carriers and made seven weapons detachments. This resulted in 64 students earning their "Wings of Gold."

Following his command tour, Captain Himeline reported to the USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) as Air Officer making deployments to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in 2006 and a surge to the Western Pacific to support SEVENTH Fleet tasking in 2007. Following those deployments, Captain Himeline reported to the NAVAIR Range Department as the Military Director and assumed the duties of Vice Commander, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division in Jan 2009. In May 2010, Captain Himeline assumed the duties of Deputy Commander, 601st Air and Space Operations Center, Tyndall Air Force Base, in Panama City, Florida.

During his career, Captain Himeline has flown 7 different Naval Aircraft, accumulating 4,000 hours and more than 500 carrier landings. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), the Air Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), the Navy Achievement Medal and various campaign medals and service ribbons.

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