

Rear Admiral Timothy Kuehhas



Rear Admiral Timothy Kuehhas is a native of Sayville, New York and a 1987 graduate of the University of Dallas with a degree in mathematics and was commissioned an ensign in June 1988 through Aviation Officer Candidate School. Kuehhas holds a master's degree from the Naval War College in National Security and Strategic Studies and is a graduate of the Joint and Combined Warfighting School and the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command.

After completing flight training in Pensacola, Florida, he was designated a naval flight officer and transferred to the EA-6B Fleet Replacement Squadron, Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129 "Vikings," at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington, where he trained to become an electronic countermeasures officer.

Kuehhas' shore assignments include VAQ-129 serving as Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization evaluator, carrier qualification instructor and electronic warfare instructor; a tour on the Joint Staff in the Command, Control, Communications and Computers/Cybers, J6, Directorate as spectrum branch action officer and in the Operations, J3, Directorate as briefer to the Joint Staff directors as a member of the Joint Staff Response Cell; a tour on the chief of naval operations staff as EA-6B Prowler and EA-18G *Growler* requirements officer; and a tour as director of Fleet and Joint Training (N7) at U.S. Fleet Forces.

Operational sea assignments for Kuehhas include a junior officer tour with VAQ-138 "Yellow Jackets," with two deployments aboard USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68) in support of Operation *Southern Watch*; a tour as

electronic warfare officer and flag lieutenant with Cruiser-Destroyer Group 8, with a deployment aboard USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69) to the Mediterranean Sea in support of Operation *Deliberate Forge* and to the Persian Gulf supporting Operation *Southern Watch*; a department head tour serving as aviation maintenance officer with VAQ-142 “Gray Wolves;” and an executive officer tour with USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72). Kuehhas served as commanding officer of VAQ-132 “Scorpions,” where he deployed in USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV 67) to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation *Iraqi Freedom*; USS *Gunston Hall* (LSD 44); and USS *George Washington* (CVN 73), his most recent sea tour.

He is authorized to wear the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four gold stars), Air Medal (four Strike Flight Awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two gold stars) and other organization and personal awards.

Additionally, he was the 1995 Association of Naval Aviation's Naval Flight Officer of the Year for Tactical Aviation. His commands earned the Battle Efficiency Award while commanding VAQ-132 and *George Washington* and the Meritorious Unit Commendation and Battenberg Cup also while commanding *George Washington*.

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