

Rear Admiral Dan Cloyd



Rear Admiral James Daniel “Dan” Cloyd (Retired) is a 1979 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering, the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, the Navy Nuclear Power Program and the National Defense University with a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy.

Cloyd served at sea with Fighter Squadron (VF) 31 “Tomcatters,” embarked on USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV 67); and VF-74 “Be-Devilers” and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17, embarked on USS *Saratoga* (CV 60). He also served as executive officer on USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72).

Cloyd commanded VF-84 “Jolly Rogers,” VF-143 “Pukin’ Dogs,” embarked on USS *George Washington* (CVN 73); the fast combat support ship USS *Sacramento* (AOE 1); the aircraft carrier USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69); Task Force 70; Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 5 forward deployed to Japan in *George Washington*; and U.S. Naval Forces and Navy Region Japan.

Ashore, he served as a test naval flight officer at the Pacific Missile Test Center; as an action officer in Joint Operations Division and as executive assistant to the vice director for Operations, the Joint Staff; as chief of staff, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; as director, Strategic Actions Group, supporting the deputy chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy; and as associate director, Assessment Division, staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Cloyd assumed duties as director, Maritime Operations, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, in September 2013.

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