

# Rear Admiral Gregory C. Huffman



Rear Admiral Gregory C. Huffman is the son of a career naval officer and a 1989 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He earned a Master of Arts in History from the University of Maryland in 1989 and a Master of Science in Aviation Systems from the University of Tennessee in 2000.

His sea duty flying assignments include tours with Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 83 “Rampagers,” Cecil Field, Florida; VFA-81 “Sunliners,” Oceana, Virginia; and command of VFA-27 “Royal Maces,” Atsugi, Japan. He completed multiple deployments aboard USS [\*Saratoga\*](#) (CV 60), USS [\*Enterprise\*](#) (CVN 65), USS [\*George Washington\*](#) (CVN 73), and USS [\*Kitty Hawk\*](#) (CV 63), and flew combat missions over Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. Immediately following the events of 11 September 2001, he flew Combat Air Patrol missions off of New York City from *George Washington* in support of Operation *Noble Eagle*.

Shore duty flying assignments include the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, developmental test pilot for F/A-18 electronic warfare systems and initial testing of the F/A-18E/F *Super Hornet* in China Lake, California, and executive officer and instructor with VFA-122 “Flying Eagles” in Lemoore, California.

Additional shore duty assignments include military aide to the President of the United States, chief of staff for Commander, Naval Air Forces, Atlantic; head aviation Lieutenant Commander and Junior Of-

ficer detailer (PERS-432), Navy Personnel Command, Millington, Tennessee, and chief of staff for Commander, Navy Region Northwest, Bangor, Washington.

Following nuclear power training, he served as the final operational executive officer of *Enterprise*, completing her 25th and final deployment in 2012. He commanded USS [\*Green Bay\*](#) (LPD 20) from June 2013 until August 2014 and USS [\*John C. Stennis\*](#) (CVN 74) from February 2016 to August 2018.

As a Flag officer, Huffman served as Director of Operations and Plans (OPNAV N3) on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. He commanded Carrier Strike Group Twelve from June 2021 until May 2023, leading the first deployment and operational certification of USS [\*Gerald R. Ford\*](#) (CVN 78).

He has logged over 2,900 flight hours in 28 different aircraft types and accumulated over 750 arrested landings. Personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (six awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Strike/Flight Air Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards, one with Combat V), and various campaign, unit and service awards. He was named the Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic F/A-18 Pilot of the Year for 1996 and won the Mike Longardt Leadership Award in 2001.

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