

Rear Admiral Terry Kraft



Rear Admiral Terry Kraft was raised the son of a Navy captain. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1981 and was designated a naval flight officer in 1982. He was a federal executive fellow at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government 1999-2000. He holds a Master's degree in Political Science from Auburn University at Montgomery and is a graduate of the Navy Nuclear Power Program and MIT Seminar XXI.

His sea duty tours include Attack Squadron (VA) 55 "Warhorses" embarked aboard USS [*Coral Sea*](#) (CV 43), VA-115 "Eagles" embarked aboard USS [*Midway*](#) (CV 41), and VA-95 "Green Lizards" embarked aboard USS [*Abraham Lincoln*](#) (CVN 72). He also served as executive officer aboard USS [*Theodore Roosevelt*](#) (CVN 71). During those tours, he participated in Operations *Eldorado Canyon*, *Desert Storm*, *Iraqi Freedom* (OIF) and *Enduring Freedom* (OEF).

Kraft commanded Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 131 "Lancers," amphibious transport dock USS [*Shreveport*](#) (LPD 12), the aircraft carrier USS [*Ronald Reagan*](#) (CVN 76), and the *Enterprise* Carrier Strike Group 12. He participated in both OIF and OEF during all four tours.

Shore tours for Kraft have included duty in VA-128 "Golden Intruders," Air Command and Staff College, Current Operations Directorate (J31), U.S. Pacific Command, and the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

After flag selection, he reported to the Pentagon, Chief of Naval Operations staff, first in N88 as head of Maritime Aviation, Unmanned Aerial Systems and Aviation Training Plans and Programs, then in N2/N6 as director, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Capabilities from 2008 to 2010. He subsequently served as the commander of Navy Warfare Development Command prior to assuming command of U.S. Naval Forces Japan in August 2013.

Kraft has over 3,700 hours and 1,000 carrier-arrested landings in the A-6E *Intruder*, EA-6B *Prowler* and F/A-18F *Super Hornet* aircraft. He is authorized to wear the Legion of Merit with four gold stars, Distinguished Flying Cross (with combat V), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, and multiple individual and strike-flight air medals.

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