

Rear Admiral Brian Luther



Rear Admiral Brian Luther is a native of Trumbull, Connecticut. He is a 1984 graduate of Marquette University of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. He holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

Luther commanded the Scouts of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 24 "Scouts," which participated in Operation *Enduring Freedom* and was awarded the Battle "E", Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Safety "S" and the Golden Anchor retention excellence award. He commanded USS [*Tarawa*](#) (LHA 1) for her final deployment, where her crew earned the Department of the Navy Safety Award, the Admiral Flatley Memorial Award for Aviation Safety, Battle "E" and Golden Anchor. He commanded USS [*George H. W. Bush*](#) (CVN 77) for her maiden deployment, where her crew earned the Battenberg Cup as the best all-around ship in the U.S. Atlantic fleet, the "Jig Dog" Ramage award for excellence in carrier operations, the Admiral Flatley Award, Battle "E" and Golden Anchor. He most recently served as commander, Carrier Strike Group 2.

Prior to squadron command, his afloat tours included service as a pilot and air wing staff officer aboard various aircraft carriers on the east coast. Following nuclear power training, Luther served as the executive officer of the USS [*Nimitz*](#) (CVN 68).

Ashore, Luther was introduced to the Pentagon as a Joint Staff intern (J6K) and watchstander in the National Military Command Center during Operation *Desert Storm*, followed by assignments as the

tactical air analyst for the Director, Strike and Amphibious Warfare Division (OP-74) on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations and program analyst at the S-3 Class Desk, Naval Air Systems Command. Luther later served two tours on the staff of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller as a budget analyst and as assistant director, Office of Budget. He also served as congressional liaison to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and as the Chief of Naval Operations director for Operations and Plans (N31).

Luther's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and various campaign, unit and service awards including the Sea Control Wing Atlantic Pilot of the Year. In addition, he was recognized as the honor graduate for his MBA program. He has flown over 3,400 flight hours and has accumulated 825 carrier landings.

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