



Capt. Todd A. Zecchin Commanding Officer

Capt. Todd A. Zecchin is a native of Detroit, Michigan and a graduate of Western Michigan University. He was commissioned through the Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate Program in August 1980. He was presented with his "Wings of Gold" in 1981 and reported to an initial operational assignment flying the P-3B MOD aircraft with Patrol Squadron SIX, homeported out of Naval Air Station Barber's Point, Hawaii.

Captain Zecchin's first shore duty assignment was as the Personnel Exchange Program pilot assigned to Royal Air Force No. 42 Squadron at RAF St. Mawgan flying the British Aerospace Nimrod MR Mk II aircraft. After a short stint at the Jet Transitional Training Unit in Kingsville, Texas he reported for duty at Naval Air Station Initially, assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron ONE FOUR ONE he deployed aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) and took part in Operations DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM and PROVIDE COMFORT.

His next tour was as the Operations Officer at Electronic Attack Squadron ONE THREE EIGHT and subsequent deployment to the Arabian Gulf as a participant in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN-68). From there he proceeded to the EA-6B Fleet Replacement Squadron, Electronic Attack Squadron ONE TWO NINE as the Training Officer and instructor pilot. The subsequent tour included a period of study at the United States Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island where he earned a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Studies.

Returning to the Pacific Northwest, he reported back to Electronic Attack Squadron ONE THREE EIGHT as the Executive/Commanding Officer and completed deployments with Marine Air Group TWELVE, Iwakuni Japan and USS NIMITZ (CVN-68). In 1999, he led the squadron to Aviano Air Base, Italy where they were seconded to the United States Air Force 31st Fighter Wing and participated in Operation ALLIED FORCE. Following his aviation command tour, he was assigned as the Executive Officer of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) and deployed to the FIFTH FLEET Area Of Responsibility for participation in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. Subsequently he served as the Military Communications Electronics Board division chief in the J-6 Directorate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Prior to assignment on the OPNAV Staff in the N81 Directorate he was the Commanding Officer of USS DENVER (LPD-9) and successfully completed a deployment in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM.

Captain Zecchin has amassed more than 5,000 flight hours and nearly 600 carrier landings. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Air Medal (eight awards, including combat "V" device), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards, including combat "V" device) and numerous meritorious unit and campaign service awards.

