

Rear Admiral Eric J. “Pappy” Anduze



Rear Admiral Eric J. Anduze is a native of Manati, Puerto Rico. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1993, earning a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. He subsequently entered flight training and was designated a naval aviator in 1996.

Operationally, he has served in numerous fighter squadrons flying the F-14A/B/D *Tomcat* and F/A-18E/F *Super Hornet*. His fleet assignments include the “Black Aces” of Fighter Squadron (VF) 41, “Black Knights” of VF-154 and “Pukin’ Dogs” of VF-143. He commanded the “Pukin’ Dogs” of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 143, USS [*Blue Ridge*](#) (LCC 19) and USS [*Theodore Roosevelt*](#) (CVN 71). He deployed multiple times in support of operations *Enduring Freedom*, *Iraqi Freedom*, *Allied Force/Noble Anvil* and *Inherent Resolve* on USS [*Kitty Hawk*](#) (CV 63), USS [*John F. Kennedy*](#) (CV 67), USS [*Dwight D. Eisenhower*](#) (CVN 69), *Theodore Roosevelt*, and USS [*George Washington*](#) (CVN 73).

Ashore, Anduze’s assignments include duties at VF-101 “Grim Reapers,” where he served as the pilot strike phase tactics officer; Joint Forces Command, where he served in the Joint Concepts Branch of the Directorate for Joint Experimentation (J-7); and Commander Naval Air Forces Atlantic Fleet, where he served as assistant chief of staff for Aviation Training and Readiness (N40), as assistant chief of staff for Carrier Readiness (N82), as the Deputy Commander, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, Djibouti, Djibouti, and as Deputy Director Joint Training, Joint Staff J7.

Anduze is a graduate of Navy’s Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), Joint Staff College and the Navy Nuclear Power Program. He has accumulated more than 3,500 mishap-free flight hours and more than

900 carrier-arrested landings. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Strike/Flight Air Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

In June 2025, Anduze assumed command of Task Force 70 and Carrier Strike Group 5, forward-deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

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