

Captain Douglas Graber



Captain Douglas Graber is a native of South Bound Brook, New Jersey, and earned an Electrical Engineering degree from Drexel University in 1996. After commissioning from Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, he was designated a naval flight officer in March 1999. He then reported to Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129 “Vikings” in Whidbey Island for training as an EA-6B *Prowler* electronic countermeasures officer.

He served in multiple operational squadrons including VAQ-136 “Gauntlets,” VAQ-133 “Wizards,” and VAQ-131 “Lancers.” In 2012, Graber qualified as an electronic warfare operator in the EA-18G *Growler* and served as Commanding Officer of VAQ-138 “Yellow Jackets.”

His sea assignments include deployments aboard USS [*Kitty Hawk*](#) (CV 63) forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan; USS [*Abraham Lincoln*](#) (CVN 72); Executive Officer of USS [*Carl Vinson*](#) (CVN 70); and from September 2021 through December 2022, he served as Commanding Officer of USS [*New Orleans*](#) (LPD 18) forward deployed to Sasebo, Japan.

Graber’s shore and staff assignments have included instructor duty at Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center; staff for Test and Evaluation Requirements in the Office of Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N091); staff for the Director, Naval Warfare Integration Group (OPNAV N00X); staff for Assessments

and Requirements Division (OPNAV N81); and military assistant to the Executive Secretary of Defense at the Office of Secretary of Defense.

His awards include a Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Individual Air Medal (with Combat “V” distinction), Strike/Flight Air Medals (seven awards), Navy Commendation Medals (three awards) and Navy Achievement Medals (three awards) and various campaign and unit citations.

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