

# Rear Admiral Kavon Hakimzadeh



Rear Adm. Kavon "Hak" Hakimzadeh enlisted in the U.S. Navy from Petal, Mississippi in January 1987, graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a degree in Electrical Engineering and was commissioned through NROTC in May 1992. He holds master's degrees from Old Dominion University, the Naval War College, and the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. He was also a Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI fellow.

Operational command tours include Airborne Command and Control Squadron (VAW) 126 "Seahawks," USS [\*Mount Whitney\*](#) (LCC 20) and USS [\*Harry S. Truman\*](#) (CVN 75). During each of these tours, his teams earned recognition as the best units in the Navy in their respective categories. Sea duty assignments include VAW-125 "Tigertails" as a junior officer, Carrier Strike Group Eight as flag lieutenant, VAW-123 "Screwtops" as a department head, VAW-126 and USS [\*John C. Stennis\*](#) (CVN 74) as executive officer. These tours included multiple deployments embarked aboard USS [\*Enterprise\*](#) (CVN 65), USS [\*Dwight D. Eisenhower\*](#) (CVN 69), USS [\*Theodore Roosevelt\*](#) (CVN 71) and *Harry S. Truman*.

Ashore, he served as a flight instructor with VAW-120 "Greyhawks," as a student at the Naval War College, and duty under instruction as an Arthur S. Moreau fellow. Additionally, he has served in five Pentagon assignments including the Joint Staff (J-3) readiness division, SOUTHCOM Washington, D.C.

office, OPNAV N00X/N9I as a strike warfare analyst and assessment branch head and two tours in OPNAV N98 as executive assistant to the Director, Air Warfare and Aircraft Carrier Requirements Branch Head.

His previous Flag assignment were Director, Joint and Fleet Operations, N3, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, and Commander, Carrier Strike Group TWO (June 2024). He reported to Norfolk Naval Shipyard in June 2025.

He has accumulated over 3,300 flight hours and over 850 carrier arrested landings, His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Defense Meritorious Service Medal among other personal and unit awards.

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