

Vice Admiral Douglas Verissimo



Vice Admiral Doug “V8” Verissimo is a native of Falmouth, Massachusetts. He is a 1987 graduate of Cape Cod Community College with an Associates in Arts and Science. Immediately following graduation, he enlisted with the Naval Aviation Cadet (NAVCAD) Program. Upon completion of flight training, he earned both his commission and designation as a naval aviator in July 1989. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics from California State University, Fresno, California and a Master of Science in Campaign Planning and Strategy from the Joint Forces Staff College. He is also a graduate of the Navy’s Nuclear Power Program.

His operational assignments include: “Fist of the Fleet,” Fighter Attack Squadron (VFA) 25, flying from the decks of USS [*Independence*](#) (CV 62), USS [*Midway*](#) (CV 41), and USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70) and participating in Operation *Desert Shield*. Catapult and arresting gear officer aboard USS [*John C. Stennis*](#) (CVN 74), deploying in support of Operation *Southern Watch*. Department Head for “Blue Blasters,” (VFA-34), deploying aboard USS [*George Washington*](#) (CVN 73) and participating in Operations *Enduring Freedom* and *Southern Watch*. Command of the “Gunslingers” of VFA-105, deploying in support of Operations *Enduring Freedom* and *Iraqi Freedom*. Executive officer aboard USS [*Theodore Roosevelt*](#) (CVN 71), and command of USS [*New Orleans*](#) (LPD 18) and [*Carl Vinson*](#).

Verissimo’s shore duty assignments include instructor duty at VFA-125 “Rough Raiders,” a demonstration pilot for U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, “Blue Angels;” executive assistant to Com-

mander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic and Joint Staff J3, where he served as joint force coordination/strategic plans division chief.

Verissimo's flag tours include deputy director for operations, Operations Team 2 (J3); Commander Carrier Strike Group 9; Director Assessment Division (N81); Director, Maritime Operations U.S. Fleet Forces Command; and Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic.

He assumed his duties as Commander, Naval Air Forces and Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet in February 2026.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and various other personal, unit and service awards.

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