



United States Navy Biography

Captain Douglas E. Heady **Commanding Officer, NETSAFA Pensacola, FL**

Captain Heady was raised in Marathon, NY and is a 1986 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He earned a Master of Arts in National Strategy and Strategic Studies degree from the Naval War College in 2001, graduating with Distinction.

Winged as a Naval Flight Officer in February 1988, his naval aviation career includes operational assignments with Sea Control Squadron (VS) 31, deploying twice on the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM; Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17 as the staff Anti-Surface Warfare Officer, deploying on USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65); Sea Control Squadron (VS) 22 as Safety and Operations Department Heads, deploying on USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65), participating in



Operation DESERT FOX and Executive and Commanding Officer for Sea Control Squadron (VS) 22, deploying to the Arabian Gulf on USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75) supporting Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. During his command tour, VS-22 participated in the 2006 “Partnership of the Americas” deployment to the Caribbean on board the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) and was awarded the 2006 COMNAVAIRLANT Safety “S” for a third consecutive year.

Assignments to shore and staff billets include a tour as a fleet replacement instructor at Sea Control Squadron (VS) 27 and as Special Technical Operations Branch Chief at U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa FL, supporting combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. He also served as Operations Officer, USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65), supporting combat operations in Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. During this tour he served as Availability Manger during ENTERPRISE’s intensive 22-month, \$646 million shipyard maintenance availability.

Captain Heady most recent assignment was as Camp Commander, Al Asad Air Base, the largest air base in Iraq, from April to December 2010.

Captain Heady has accumulated more than 2,700 flight hours including more than 2,600 in tactical jet aircraft with 780 carrier arrested landings. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, five Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals and various unit and service awards.

Captain Heady assumed command as the 12th Commanding Officer of Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA) in May 2011.