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// Flight Leader / Commanding Officer

Commander Alexander P. Armatas is a native of Skaneateles, New York. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in aerospace engineering.

Alexander was designated a Naval Aviator at Naval Air Station (NAS) Meridian, Mississippi, in June 2005, and received order to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 115, the “Eagles” at NAS Lemoore, California. There he served as Schedules Officer, Line Division Officer, Weapons Training Officer, Landing Signal Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, and Safety Officer.

He completed three deployments on board USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. During his tour, Alexander received the 2008 George H. W. Bush Leadership award. In 2009, he graduated from the Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor (TOPGUN) course at NAS Fallon, Nevada, and subsequently joined the “Flying Eagles” of VFA-122 at NAS Lemoore as an Instructor Pilot. There he was named the 2010 VFA-122 Instructor Pilot of the Year.

Upon completion of his instructor tour, Alexander reported to the “Tophatters” of VFA-14 in Lemoore, California, as Training Officer and deployed aboard USS John C Stennis (CVN-74) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. There he received the 2013 Lieutenant Commander Michael G. Hoff Attack Aviator of the Year award. Following his Training Officer tour, Alexander reported to the VFA-143 “Pukin’ Dogs” at NAS Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as a Department Head, where he deployed aboard USS Harry S Truman (CVN-75) in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

In December 2016, Alexander received orders to the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) in Millington, Tennessee, as Strike Fighter Placement Officer, after which he reported to the “Gunslingers” of VFA-105. He became Executive Officer in October 2019, and assumed command in January 2021. While assigned to VFA-105, he deployed twice aboard USS Dwight D Eisenhower (CVN-69) in support of Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and was awarded the 2020 Navy and Marine Corps Association Leadership Award.

Alexander joined the Blue Angels in August 2022. He has accumulated more than 4,500 flight hours and 911 carrier-arrested landings. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, four Strike/Flight Air Medals, five Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, one Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various personal, unit and service awards.