

## Rear Admiral Dennis E. FitzPatrick Commander, Strike Force Training Atlantic

Rear Admiral FitzPatrick, a native of Delmar, N.Y., graduated from Cornell University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He received his commission in May 1981 and was designated a naval aviator in March 1983. He earned a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and is a graduate of the Navy Nuclear Power Program and attended the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk.

His operational assignments included duty at Attack Squadron 105 completing deployments to the Western Pacific as a component of Marine Air Group 12 and in the Mediterranean in USS *Forrestal* (CV 59) flying the A-7E Corsair II; Strike Fighter Squadron 86 flying the FA-18 Hornet embarked in USS *America* (CV 66) in support of Operations *Desert Storm*, *Desert Shield* and *Southern Watch* as well as follow on operations in the Mediterranean Sea, Persian Gulf and North Atlantic; Strike Fighter Squadron 147 as the executive officer and subsequently commanding officer embarked in USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68) for an around-the-world deployment, which included operations in support of *Southern Watch*; executive officer of USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71) deploying in support of Operation *Enduring Freedom*; command of USS *Shreveport* (LPD 12) completing a major overhaul and a successful Interdeployment Training Cycle; command of the USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV 67) where he completed a deployment in support of Operation *Iraqi Freedom* and operations along the east coast of the United States; and a tour as an individual augmentee on the headquarters staff, Multi-National Force - Iraq.



Ashore, he served on board Strike Fighter Squadron 106, flying FA-18 Hornets as an instructor pilot; The Bureau of Naval Personnel where he served as the A-7/FA-18 community detailee; United States Joint Forces Command as the deputy director of the strategy and analysis directorate; U.S. Fleet Forces Command as head; Warfare Requirements and Programming, Planning Branch. His first flag assignment was the director, Joint Operations Division, U.S. Fleet Forces Command. His current assignment is as commander, Strike Force Training Atlantic.

He has over 3,100 hours and 655 carrier arrested landings. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal (two individual/three strike flight) with combat V; Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three Gold Stars and Combat V; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal and various unit and campaign awards.