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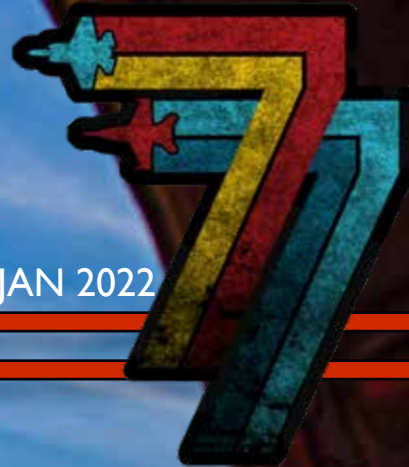


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— FRONT COVER —

Naval Air Crewman (Helicopter) 3rd Class Daniel Brito completes his first gun shoot in an MH-60S Knighthawk assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 5. Photo by MC3 Novalee Manzella.

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★ CARRIER AIR WING 7 ★



TEAM JACKPOT

The partnership between an aircraft carrier and the embarked air wing is crucial to the execution of a strike group's mission. The aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) has teamed up with Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7 to form Team Jackpot (777). Together, this team can launch and recover aircraft from remotely anywhere on the high seas both displaying and asserting power projection on behalf of the United States of America.



F/A-18 E/F SUPERHORNET

provides the carrier strike group with a strike fighter that has significant growth potential and increased range, endurance and ordnance-carrying capabilities.



E/A-18G GROWLER

provides protection for strike aircraft by jamming enemy radar emissions.



E-2D HAWKEYE

is used as the Navy's all-weather, carrier-based tactical battle management airborne early warning, command and control aircraft.



MH-60S SEAHAWK

is used for anti-surface warfare, combat support, humanitarian disaster relief, combat search and rescue, aero medical evacuation, SPECWAR and organic airborne mine countermeasures.

AIRCRAFT OF CARRIER AIR WING 7



MH-60R SEAHAWK

is used as a submarine hunter and anti-surface warfare helicopter and is the cornerstone of the Navy's Helicopter Concept of Operations.

Carrier Air Wing Seven Conducts Change of Command

Story by Carrier Air Wing Seven Public Affairs



Capt. Thomas Bodine delivers a speech during his Change of Command ceremony. (Photo by U.S. Navy)

Carrier Air Wing Seven (CVW-7) completed a change of command at Naval Air Station Key West, Boca Chica Field on December 14. Capt. Thomas Bodine relieved Capt. Nathan Ballou during an airborne ceremony featuring an F/A-18E Super Hornet.

“Freedom Fighter Family, thank you for an absolutely fantastic tour. Serving with each of you has been an honor and a privilege,” said Capt. Ballou.

Ballou joined the CVW-7 Freedom Fighters as Deputy Air Wing Commander in 2019 prior to completing a record-setting 295 day around-the-world deployment aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) deterring regional aggression while on station in the Middle East. Capt. Ballou took command in July 2020 and led CVW-7 in their integration with USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) to form TEAM JACKPOT (777)

in preparation for an upcoming deployment.

He waved farewell to CVW-7 at the pinnacle and conclusion of his 26-year Navy career with a record of service which includes more than 4,000 total flight hours and 1,000 arrested landings in naval aircraft with more than 2,900 hours in the F/A-18.

Bodine reported to CVW-7 in July 2020. His previous assignments include time as the Navy’s first Federal Executive Fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, commanding officer of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 22 “Fighting Redcocks,” and executive officer of VFA 122 “Flying Eagles.” During numerous deployments throughout his career, he supported Operation Enduring Freedom and a wide range of international security cooperation exercises.

“I’m excited for the opportunity to lead such a fine team of warriors,” said Bodine. “The

eight squadrons that make up Team Freedom stand at the ready to deliver decisive combat victories should our nation call our number.”

CVW-7 is the offensive air and strike component of Carrier Strike Group TEN (CSG-10) and the George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group. The squadrons of CVW-7 are Strike Fighter Squadron 143 “Pukin’ Dogs,” Strike Fighter Squadron 103 “Jolly Rogers,” Strike Fighter Squadron 86 “Sidewinders,” Strike Fighter Squadron 136 “Knighthawks,” Electronic Attack Squadron 140 “Patriots,” Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 121 “Bluetails,” Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 5 “Nightdippers,” and Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 46 “Grandmasters.”

To learn more about Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7, visit <https://www.airlant.usff.navy.mil/cvw7/>

MEET CARRIER AIRWING 7'S NEW CAG

Captain Thomas Bodine United States Navy

Capt. Thomas Bodine was commissioned in May 1998 through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), graduating with a bachelor of science in Electrical Engineering - Summa Cum Laude. After winging as a naval flight officer in July 1999, he reported to Fighter Squadron (VF) 101 in Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, Virginia for training in the F-14 Tomcat.

Bodine's first fleet assignment was with the VF-14, deploying in 2001 aboard the USS Enterprise (CVN-65) in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. Upon his return, he transitioned to the FA-18F Super Hornet and was reassigned to VFA-41 based in NAS Lemoore, California. In 2003, he deployed aboard the USS Nimitz (CVN-68) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In October 2003, Bodine attended the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) in Fallon, NV, remaining on staff as a TOPGUN instructor. While on staff, he served, most notably, as the subject matter expert in radar theory and tactical crew coordination and as the standardization officer.



In 2007, Bodine reported to VFA-102 in Atsugi, Japan as the training officer. Deploying aboard the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63) and the USS George Washington (CVN-73), he participated in a wide range of international security cooperation exercises including Rim of the Pacific, Talisman Saber, Annual Exercise, and Valiant Shield. During this tour, Bodine was awarded the 2007 Order of the Daedalians United States Navy Exceptional Pilot Award.

Returning to NAS Oceana, VA in 2008, Bodine was assigned to VFA-103 as a department head. While assigned to VFA-103, he twice deployed aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During his tenure, he served as the safety officer, administrative officer, and maintenance officer.

Post department head tour, Bodine attended the United States Naval War College graduating with distinction with a master of arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. Following War College, he was assigned to the Navy Personal Command in Millington, TN, serving as the east coast strike fighter placement officer from February 2012 to April 2014.

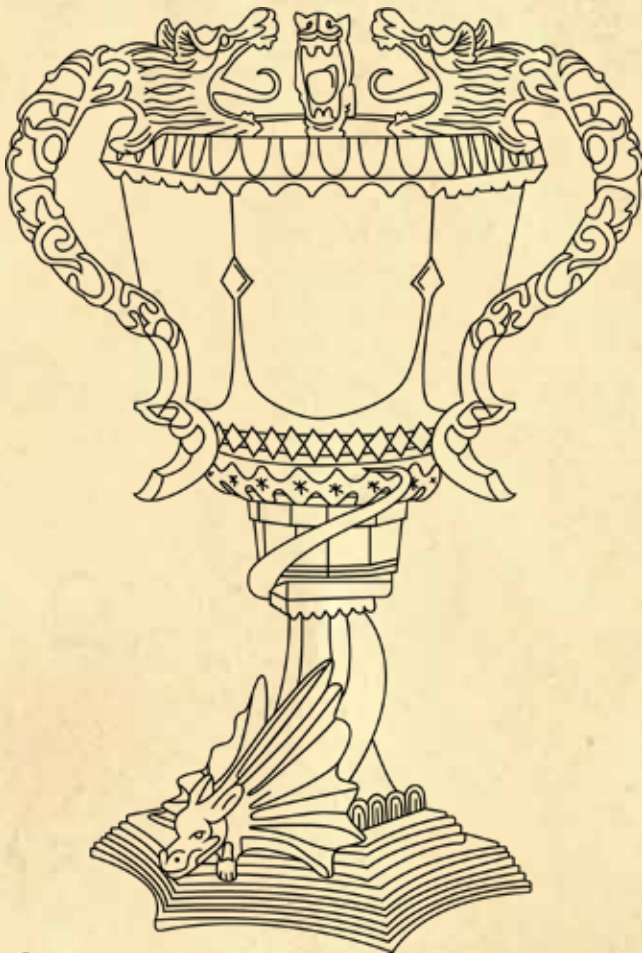
Prior to reporting to operational command, he was personally selected to serve as the executive officer of VFA-122. Following, Bodine proudly served as the executive officer and commanding officer of VFA-22 in Lemoore, California from May 2015 to August 2017.

Subsequently, Bodine served as the Navy's first Federal Executive Fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and prior to his current assignment he served as the Navy TACAIR Operations Research Analyst within the elite cost assessment and program evaluation directorate of the office of the Secretary of Defense.

Bodine has accumulated more than 3,100 total hours, 750 carrier-arrested landings, 550 combat hours, and 105 combat sorties. Personal awards include Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal - Strike/Flight (5 awards); Air Medal - Individual Action (2 awards both with Bronze Star and Combat Distinguishing Device); Joint Services Commendation Medal; Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards); Navy Achievement Medal; and various unit, campaign, and service awards.

THE ANNUAL Captain's Cup

WATCH AS DEPARTMENTS GO HEAD-TO-HEAD IN THIS ANNUAL EVENT!



Captain's Cup is intended to provide inter-departmental competitions and challenges. The games commence January 2022 and will be announced as operational responsibilities/schedule allows.

Utilizing a point system, teams will be awarded points based on their performance/participation in each event. Points will be awarded as follows:

Team Events
1st - 30 points
2nd - 20 points
3rd - 10 points

Individual Events
1st - 15 points
2nd - 10 points
3rd - 5 points

There will be five point deduction for any team that forfeits a competition (due to late arrival, ejection, cancellation, etc.)

Larger teams consist of large departments such as Reactor, Air, Engineering, etc. Smaller departments will be arranged in the following composite teams:

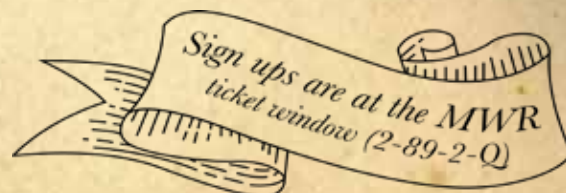
- Team 1: Admin, Legal, CRMD, Media, Dental, Medical
- Team 2: Deck, Navigation, Safety, Training, Intel

Rosters for personnel participating in each event must be submitted to MWR three days prior to events.

The team with the highest score at the end of the season will be awarded the Avenger's Cup, a rotating trophy. Various prizes will also be awarded to individuals and teams for events such as gift cards, apparel, liberty, medals, and more!

Events are as follows:

- Cornhole 2x2 (Feb. 3-4)
- Basketball 5x5 (Feb. 9-11)
- Basketball 3x3 (Feb. 17-18)
- Volleyball 5x5 (Feb. 24-25)
- Basketball Shootout (Mar. 6)
- Softball 11x11 (Mar. 22-24)
- Flag Football 7x7 (Mar. 29-31)
- Kickball 11x11 (Apr. 26-28)
- Pushup Competition (Jan. 30)
- Pushup Competition (Feb. 2)
- Powerlifting Competition (Feb. 7-8)
- Chess (Mar. 2-4)
- Hot Dog Eating Competition (Mar. 8)
- Plank Competition (Mar. 10)
- E-Sports: Mario Kart (Mar. 10)
- Overall Fitness (Apr. 15-18)
- Knowledge Trivia, Nutrition, Exercise, Anatomy (TBD)





Navy Makes History with First Female Aircraft Carrier Captain

Story by MCSN Ryan Colosanti



Capt. Bauernschmidt poses for a roster photo. Photo by U.S. Navy.

The USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) deployed from San Diego Jan. 10, 2022 under the command of Capt. Amy Bauernschmidt, the first woman to lead a nuclear aircraft carrier in U.S. Navy history.

Bauernschmidt once served as both executive officer and commanding officer of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 70, the “Spartans”, which was embarked on its first operational deployment on the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) in 2011 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. As commanding officer of HSM 70, she earned the 2011 Admiral Jimmy Thach and Captain Arnold J. Isbell awards for tactical innovation and excellence and the 2012 Battle Efficiency award.

“There is no more humbling sense of responsibility than to know you are entrusted

with the care of the people who have chosen to protect our nation,” Bauernschmidt said at a change of command ceremony in August 2021.

The ship departed with Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 3 for a regularly scheduled deployment in support of global maritime security operations.

“These Sailors are incredible professionals who have trained exceptionally hard to ensure they are ready for any operational obligations required of us on deployment,” Bauernschmidt said in a press release from U.S. 3rd Fleet.

“They are absolutely prepared for today’s deployment, and I have no doubt they will represent our nation proudly as we defend our national interests.”



Photo by U.S. Navy.

A Milwaukee native, Bauernschmidt earned a Bachelor of Science in ocean engineering from the Naval Academy in 1994, the first graduating class in which women were allowed to serve aboard combatant ships and aircraft. She earned a master’s at the Naval War College and was designated a naval aviator in 1996. She has accumulated more than 3,000 flight hours.

OUR EPIC VOYAGE THROUGH OFRP

THE CENTENNIAL OF CARRIER AVIATION

WARFARE COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE JANUARY

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
CSCIO & CHWB STRIKE
GROUP LEADERS TO MEET AND
DISCUSS PLANS FOR INTEGRATION
AND CHART A COURSE THROUGH
TRAINING FOR
DEPLOYMENT.

SWAT
FEBRUARY
MARCH

SURFACE WARFARE ADVANCED
TACTICAL TRAINING (SWATT) PROVIDES
MULTI-SHIP, MULTI-PLATFORM AND
MULTI-WARFARE AREA TRAINING AT SEA
TO INCREASE COMBAT CAPABILITY,
LETHALITY AND
INTEROPERABILITY.

JAN. 10



RETURN
FROM 5RD
HOLIDAY LEAVE



SEA OF WOODS

TSTA-FEP FEBRUARY-MARCH

A MULTI-PHASE EVENT THAT
NOT ONLY GIVES THE CREW A SOLID
FOUNDATION OF UNIT LEVEL OPERATING
PROFICIENCY, IT ENHANCES
THE SHIP'S ABILITY TO
SELF-TRAIN.

OPTIMIZED FLEET RESPONSE PLAN



GROUP SAIL MARCH

THE FIRST EVENT OF
THE INTEGRATED
PHASE OF
TRAINING.
GROUP SAIL IS
AN
OPPORTUNITY
FOR ALL
ELEMENTS OF
CHWB STRIKE
GROUP TO
OPERATE
TOGETHER.



DEPLOYMENT
2022

COMPTUEX MAY & JUNE

AN EXERCISE FOCUSED ON
INTEGRATING ALL PARTS
OF CSG 10 TOGETHER
INTO A COHESIVE
UNIT AND TO DEVELOP
BASIC WAR FIGHTING
PROFICIENCIES



SEA OF WOO
PART DEUX
(WINDOW OF OERD)

MARCH 20
CENTENNIAL
OF U.S. NAVY
AIR CRAFT
CARRIERS



PHOTOS OF THE MONTH





An F/A-18F Super Hornet aircraft, assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 122, is directed to a catapult on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77) during flight operations. Photo by MC3 Brandon Roberson









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