

Vice Admiral Walter “Ted” Carter, USN 62nd Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy



Vice Admiral Walter E. “Ted” Carter Jr. became the 62nd superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy on July 23, 2014. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1981, was designated a Naval Flight Officer in 1982, and graduated from the Navy Fighter Weapons School, Top Gun, in 1985. He completed the Air Command and Staff College course and the Armed Forces Staff College. In 2001, he completed the Navy’s Nuclear Power Program.

Carter’s career as an aviator includes extensive time at sea, deploying around the globe in the F-4 Phantom II and the F-14 Tomcat. He has landed on 19 different aircraft carriers, to include all 10 of the Nimitz Class carriers. Carter commanded the VF-14 “Tophatters,” served as Executive Officer of USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), and commanded both USS Camden (AOE 2) and USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). His most recent Fleet command assignment was Commander, Enterprise Carrier Strike Group (CSG-12) during Big E’s final combat deployment as a 51 year old aircraft carrier in 2012.

Ashore, Carter served as Chief of Staff for Fighter Wing Pacific and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commander, U.S. Central Command. He served as Commander, Joint Enabling Capabilities Command and subsequently as lead for the Transition Planning Team during the disestablishment of U.S. Joint Forces Command in 2011. After leading Task Force RESILIENT (a study in suicide related behaviors), he established the 21st Century Sailor Office (OPNAV N17) as its first Director in 2013. Most recently, Carter served as the 54th president of the U.S. Naval War College. During his tenure, he established the Naval Leadership and Ethics Center in Newport, R.I., on May 1, 2014.

Carter is the recipient of various personal awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (three awards), Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat V, Bronze Star, Air Medal (two with Combat V and five strike/flight), and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two with Combat V). He was awarded the Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale Leadership Award and the U.S. Navy League’s John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership. Carter was also appointed an Honorary Master Chief by the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy in 2008.

Carter flew 125 combat missions in support of joint operations in Bosnia, Kosovo, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. He accumulated 6,150 flight hours in F-4, F-14, and F-18 aircraft during his career and safely completed 2,016 carrier-arrested landings, the record among all active and retired U.S. Naval Aviation designators. In April of 2015, Carter was inducted into the prestigious Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

Captain Robert B. Chadwick II, USN

87th Commandant of Midshipmen, United States Naval Academy



Captain Chadwick was born in Bethesda, Maryland and was raised in a Navy family. He is a 1991 graduate of the United States Naval Academy.

Captain Chadwick began his career at sea aboard USS BARRY (DDG 52) as gunnery officer and then Navigator. Follow-on sea tours included duty as Weapons Officer and Combat Systems Officer in USS VICKSBURG (CG 69), Executive Officer in USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CG 58), and Chief Staff Officer, Destroyer Squadron 24 in Mayport, Florida. Captain Chadwick assumed command of USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80) in November 2009. During his command tour, ROOSEVELT deployed in support of operations off the east coast of Africa and was awarded the

Battle "E" for 2010 and 2011. Most recently, he commanded Destroyer Squadron 21, completing a deployment to Seventh Fleet with JOHN C STENNIS Strike Group.

Ashore assignments have included the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, duty as Flag Aide to Director, Surface Warfare Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (N76) and Flag Aide to Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, strategic planner at U.S. Southern Command in Miami, Florida, Deputy Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, National War College in Washington, DC, and Director Commander's Action Group, Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Captain Chadwick earned a Master's Degree in National Security Affairs, Middle Eastern Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master's Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

He holds various decorations and awards, including the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, four awards of the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He was awarded the 2011 Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership.



Colonel Arthur J. Athens, USMCR (Ret.)

Director

Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership

U.S. Naval Academy



Colonel Athens is the Director of the Naval Academy's Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership and a member of the Academy's Senior Leadership Team.

Colonel Athens retired from the Marine Corps in July 2008 with over 30 years of service. As a Marine Officer, he commanded units in the 3rd and 4th Marine Aircraft Wings, served with the U.S. Space Command and instructed at Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1, the Marine Corps' equivalent of the Navy's Top Gun School. Additionally, he

was a White House Fellow under President Ronald Reagan; the Special Assistant to the NASA Administrator following the Space Shuttle Challenger accident; the Executive Director of OCF, a worldwide non-profit organization helping military personnel integrate their faith and profession; the Commandant of the United States Merchant Marine Academy; and the Naval Academy's first Distinguished Military Professor of Leadership.

Colonel Athens holds a bachelor's degree in operations research from the Naval Academy where he lettered in lacrosse and served as the Brigade Commander, the senior ranking midshipman at the Academy. He also earned masters' degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School and the Army's School of Advanced Military Studies. He is married to the former Mistina Root of Williamsburg, Virginia and they have ten children.

Mr. Tim Disher
Director, International Programs, U.S. Naval Academy



Mr. Tim Disher, a son of a Naval Aviator, graduated from the Naval Academy in 1981 and joined the submarine community.

His at-sea assignments included USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN 620 Blue Crew), USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659 Gold Crew), Destroyer Squadron 32 and USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74).

His shore assignments included assistant professor of Leadership at the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) unit, University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, and varying degrees of increased leadership at the Submarine Training Facility, Charleston, South Carolina and Norfolk, Virginia.

He was selected as a Foreign Area Officer and assigned to serve as the liaison officer in Madrid, Spain for all cooperative programs between the U.S. and Spanish Navies. En-route to Spain he graduated with distinction from the Defense Language Institute with proficiency in the Spanish language.

He is the author of several articles on the integration of international education at the United States Naval Academy. He has taught undergraduate courses on leadership, ethics and culture.

He retired from the U.S. Navy on 1 September 2007 and currently serves as the Director, International Programs Office at United States Naval Academy. He is responsible for coordination of international engagement programs for faculty, staff and the 4,400 midshipmen including semester study abroad, immersion and professional exchanges.

He is married to Sharon Hanley Disher ('80) and is the proud father of Alison (Surface Warfare officer, '10), Brett (Marine Corps Logistics Officer, '10) and Matthew (Submariner, '13).

Captain Brian P. O'Donnell

Deputy Commandant for Professional Development



Captain O'Donnell was born in Yonkers, New York. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in History. He is a graduate of the United States Naval War College, having received a Masters of Arts Degree in National Security and International Affairs, and a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College.

Captain O'Donnell's initial sea tour was in USS RICHMOND K. TURNER (CG 20) as R-Division Officer, M-Division Officer, and Fire Control Officer, deploying with USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group in support of Operations Desert Storm and Provide Comfort. His second sea tour was in USS NORMANDY (CG 60) as Weapons Control Officer and Combat Systems Officer, deploying with

USS AMERICA and USS GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Groups. His next sea tour was in USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CG 58) as Executive Officer and subsequently served in US SEVENTH FLEET Staff as Fleet Surface Warfare Officer and Future Operations Officer.

Captain O'Donnell commanded USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54), forward deployed with USS KITTY HAWK Strike Group in the Western Pacific, from December 2005 to June 2007. In November 2011, Captain O'Donnell assumed command of USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55). During his tour, USS LEYTE GULF completed the most complex maintenance availability in the ship's history and returned to the Fleet as an integral and ready member of the USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH Strike Group.

Captain O'Donnell has served ashore in the Department of Seamanship and Navigation, United States Naval Academy as a Naval Science Instructor and served ashore in the Office of Surface Officer Distribution (PERS-41), Navy Personnel Command as Atlantic Fleet Cruiser Destroyer Placement Officer. He was also assigned to United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) in Colorado Springs, Colorado as the Ballistic Missile Defense (J31) Current Operations Branch Chief. During that tour, he was certified as a USNORTHCOM Missile Defense Officer, and served in that capacity in both Cheyenne Mountain and the NORAD-NORTHCOM Command Center (N2C2). Following his tour at USNORTHCOM, Captain O'Donnell served as the Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy. Captain O'Donnell has also served as Chief of Staff, Navy Air and Missile Defense Command and Director, Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (NSMWDC) Detachment Dahlgren. Prior to his current assignment, Captain O'Donnell was the Deputy to the Director of Surface Warfare (OPNAV N96) for Maintenance, Modernization, and Operations.

Captain O'Donnell has been awarded the Legion of Merit (four awards), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards including Combat Distinguishing Device), and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).

Captain Stephen A. Flaherty

Commandant's Operations Officer, U. S. Naval Academy



CAPT Stephen A. Flaherty, a native of Marshfield, MA, graduated from Harvard College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and received his commission through the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) in 1994. Following flight training in Pensacola, FL, he was designated a Naval Flight Officer in 1996 and reported to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, WA for follow on training in the EA-6B Prowler.

In 1997 he reported to the ROOKS of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) ONE THREE SEVEN and deployed twice to the Arabian Gulf with Carrier Air Wing (CVW) ONE onboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) and USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67). In April 2001, he reported to the VIKINGS of VAQ-129 as a Flight Instructor and Director of Night Vision Systems. In this role he trained the first nine EA-

6B squadrons in Night Vision Goggles, preparing them for the onset of Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM.

In 2003, he reported to the staff of Commander, Carrier Group FOUR, as the Integrated Air Defense Systems Commander. He returned to the Pacific Northwest in 2005 and joined the COUGARS of VAQ-129 where he deployed twice to the Arabian Gulf and Western Pacific with CVW-14 onboard USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76), including four months forward deployed to Al Asad Air Base, Anbar Province, Iraq.

In 2007, he reported to the Senior Course at the Naval War College, Newport, RI, for studies in the College of Naval Warfare. In November 2008, he earned his Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies and completed his Joint Professional Military Education Phase II. Following graduation he reported to Fort Hood, TX to begin intense training in preparation for a one year "Boots on the Ground" tour to Iraq in support of the U.S. ARMY's Electronic Warfare effort. In early 2009 he reported to Joint CREW Composite Squadron ONE in Baghdad, Iraq as the Operations Officer for all Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices in country.

In 2010, he reported to the LANCERS of VAQ-131 as Executive Officer and in 2011 he assumed command as SKYBOLT ONE. While leading the LANCERS he deployed twice with CVW-2 onboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), flying combat missions in support of U.S and Coalition Forces conducting Operations NEW DAWN and ENDURING FREEDOM. Under his command the LANCERS were awarded the Chief of Naval Operations Safety "S" and the Commander, Naval Air Forces, Pacific, Battle Efficiency Award as the best EA-6B Prowler squadron on the West Coast. In early 2012, he reported onboard the USS JOHN STENNIS (CVN 74), forward deployed to the Arabian Sea in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, as the Operations Officer. In July 2015, he reported to the U.S. Naval Academy as the Commandant's Operations Officer where he oversee the long range schedule and day-to-day operations of the 4,400 member Brigade of Midshipmen.

CAPT Flaherty has flown over 3,000 hours and has 875 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), Air Medal (9 Strike/Flight awards), Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards) and various unit commendations and service/campaign awards.

COMMANDER GREGORY L. GUIDRY

Naval Academy Officer Accessions, Professional Development



Commander Guidry was raised in Reserve, Louisiana. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1987 and following Basic Training reported for duty on the USS Lexington (AVT-16) in Pensacola, Florida. While on LEXINGTON, he worked in the Navigation Department and was promoted to Quartermaster Third Class (QM3).

Following a course of study at the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island, he graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 1995. After designation as a Naval Aviator in November 1997, CDR Guidry reported to Patrol Squadron FIVE at NAS Jacksonville. During his tour with the "Mad Foxes" he qualified as Patrol Plane Commander, Functional Check Flight Pilot, Mission Commander, and Instructor Pilot.

Additionally, CDR Guidry deployed to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico and Sigonella, Italy, flying armed combat missions in support of the Bosnian Conflict.

Following his tour with VP-5, CDR Guidry reported to Patrol Squadron THIRTY for duty as a Fleet Replacement Squadron Instructor Pilot. While there, he served as the First Lieutenant, Schedules Officer and Student Control Officer, and qualified as an Instructor Pilot, NATOPS Evaluator and P-3 Formation Instructor Pilot. In 2004, he was selected as VP-30's "Man in the Arena" and flew the squadron's 400,000th mishap free flight hour.

In November 2004, CDR Guidry reported to the USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74) as a Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer. In addition to his qualifications as a "Shooter", CDR Guidry led the V-1 Division and served as the ship's Exterior Preservation Officer during a dry-docked planned overhaul.

Following selection for Department Head in 2005, CDR Guidry reported to Patrol Squadron TEN and deployed with the RED LANCERS to Okinawa, Japan in support of SEVENTH Fleet operations. While on deployment, he was Officer-in-Charge of a P-3 detachment to the Republic of the Philippines in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM – Philippines. He also served as the Safety/NATOPS Officer, Admin Officer and the Maintenance Officer for VP-5.

CDR Guidry reported to Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing ELEVEN in April 2009, where, as the Wing Operations Officer, he directed the training and employment of eight P-3 squadrons as they prepared for worldwide deployment. He was the lead planning officer for P-3 operations in support of the 2010 Haiti Earthquake relief effort and completed his tour at Wing ELEVEN serving as the Chief Staff Officer to CPRW-11.

In 2012, he reported to Fleet Support Unit FIVE as Assistant Officer in Charge of the Littoral Surveillance Radar System (LSRS) unit. He "flected up" to be the Officer in Charge of FSU FIVE from February 2014 to May 2015 and spearheaded transition efforts to the P-8 Poseidon and the Advanced Airborne Sensor (AAS).

He currently serves at the U.S. Naval Academy as Chairman, Department of Officer Accessions and Talent Optimization where he executes the career information and service assignment programs for the brigade of midshipman.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Air Medal (1st Strike/Flight), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards) and various campaign and unit citations.

CDR Guidry is married to the former Noel Fromm of Jacksonville, Florida. They have three sons, Matthew, Joseph and Zachary.