

USS "HARRY S. TRUMAN"**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron
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VAW-12
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Commander Przemyslaw "Kaz" Kaczynski is a native of Seattle, Washington. He received his commission in 1996 through the NROTC program and graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts in East European and Russian Studies. Following graduation, Commander Kaczynski attended flight school and earned his wings of gold in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1999. He then reported to VAW-120 in Norfolk, Virginia where he learned to fly the E-2C Hawkeye.

In 2000, Commander Kaczynski joined the VAW-116 "Sunkings" in Point Mugu, California and served as Communications Officer, Aircraft Division Officer, Pilot Training Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, and NATOPS Officer. He deployed with VAW-116 and CVW 2 aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and in March 2003, he participated in the opening coalition operations supporting Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Commander Kaczynski reported to the GREYHAWKS of VAW-120 in 2003 as a Fleet Replacement Squadron pilot instructor. He performed duties as the OPS-Admin

Officer, NATOPS Officer, and E-2C Pilot Model Manager. During his tour with the GREYHAWKS, Commander Kaczynski was selected as the E-2C Hawkeye Pilot of the Year.

Following his instructor tour, Commander Kaczynski received orders to the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and graduated with a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

In 2007, Commander Kaczynski reported to the VAW-112 GOLDEN HAWKS for his department head tour. He served as Administration Officer, Operations Officer, and Maintenance Officer while sailing aboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. While assigned to the GOLDEN HAWKS, Commander Kaczynski was chosen by his community peers to receive the 2007-2008 Navy and Marine Association Leadership Award, presented by Commander, Naval Air Forces.

Upon completion of his department head tour, Commander Kaczynski received orders to North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) in Colorado Springs, Colorado where he was assigned to the Staff Secretariat in 2009. In 2010, Commander Kaczynski was selected to serve as the Deputy Executive Assistant to Commander, NORAD and USNORTHCOM.

In January 2013, Commander Kaczynski reported to the SEAHAWKS of VAW-126 to serve as Executive Officer.

Commander Kaczynski has accumulated nearly 3,000 flight hours and over 400 arrested landings in the E-2C Hawkeye. He is a graduate of the Joint and Combined War Fighting School at the Joint Forces Staff College and is fluent in Polish. His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (individual and strike/flight awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy Achievement Medal, and various campaign and unit awards