



Rear Admiral (Select) Marcus Hitchcock

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Rear Adm. (Select) Marcus Hitchcock is a native of Salt Lake City, Utah. He attended the United States Naval Academy where he received a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering and was commissioned an Ensign in 1985. He was subsequently designated a Naval Aviator in 1987. Following initial training in the A-6E Intruder, Rear Adm. (Select) Hitchcock reported to the Silver Foxes of VA-155 in 1988. During this tour he deployed on the USS Ranger (CV 61) and participated in Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.

In 1991, Rear Adm. (Select) Hitchcock reported to the Golden Intruders of VA-128 as an instructor pilot. During this tour he was recognized as Instructor Pilot of the Year for 1993. His next assignment was in the Pentagon as the Aide/Administrative Assistant to VADM Lopez, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments (N8). He served in this position from 1994 to 1995 when he was selected as an aviation department head and transitioned to the F-14 Tomcat.

After initial training in the F-14, Rear Adm. (Select) Hitchcock reported to the Swordsmen of VF-32 and served as head of the Safety and Maintenance Departments. He deployed with the Swordsmen on USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and participated in Operations DELIBERATE GUARD, DESERT STORM and SOUTHERN WATCH over Bosnia-Herzegovina and Southern Iraq. In 1998 Rear Adm. (Select) Hitchcock reported to United States Joint Forces Command's Joint Warfighting Center as a member of the Deployable Training Team serving 3 and 4 star headquarters staffs. In August 2001, he reported to the Swordsmen of VF-32 as Executive Officer.

As Commanding Officer of the Swordsmen from 2003 to 2004, his squadron deployed aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) and conducted combat operations in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. During his command tour, the squadron earned the coveted Battle "E" and Safety "S" in 2003. He departed the Swordsmen in February 2004 to begin Aviation Nuclear Officer training. In January 2006 he assumed duties as Executive Officer of USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) stationed in Bremerton, Washington. He deployed in 2007 and participated in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

From 2008 to 2009, Rear Adm. (Select) Hitchcock commanded USS Peleliu (LHA 5) stationed in San Diego, California. Under his command, Peleliu embarked 15th MEU, completed an extended deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, underwent a dry-docked maintenance availability and the crew earned the Battle "E" and numerous departmental efficiency awards. In 2010 Rear Adm. (select) Hitchcock assumed command of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69).

Rear Adm. (select) Hitchcock has accumulated over 3,400 hours and 620 carrier-arrested landings in various aircraft. His personal awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, Air Medal and various other medals, unit and campaign awards. He is a graduate of the Naval War College and Armed Forces Staff College.

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