



CAPTAIN HAROLD F. (BUD) BISHOP, III
United States Navy

Captain Bishop was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1959. He was raised in the deserts of Pakistan, where his father designed canals linking their major rivers together. After his return to the United States in 1971, he pursued competitive swimming in Denver, Colorado and was awarded Eagle Scout in 1972. Selected to enter the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1977, he spent one of his four years at the University on merchant ships, graduating in 1981 with a Third Mate's License and a Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation.

He entered the Navy and received his wings in 1982. Assigned to fly the A-6E Intruder, Captain Bishop deployed with Attack Squadron 52 aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70), then transferred to the Fleet Replacement Squadron as an instructor in February 1987. During this tour, he was selected as the Aide to the Commander, Medium Attack, Tactical Electronic Warfare Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, where he worked until 1988.

In 1989, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School, graduating in June 1990, with a Master of Science in Material Support Logistics Management.

He was then assigned to Attack Squadron 145 from 1990 to 1993 and deployed to the Persian Gulf aboard USS Ranger (CV-61). During Operation Desert Storm, he flew the highest number of sorties and hours in the Navy TACAIR, 44 sorties, and 96 combat flight hours. In 1993 he flew in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia.

From 1993 to 1996, he was assigned to Headquarters, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, as a Communications Security Officer. His duties included billets on numerous Joint Task Forces, acting as executive assistant to J6 (Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers) and as the European Command's liaison for acquisition, testing and fielding of the Joint Broadcast System in Europe.

Captain Bishop was ordered to the Naval War College where he completed a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies in 1998. He was assigned command of VAQ-136 in Atsugi, Japan, and deployed on USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63).

Following a successful command tour, Captain Bishop reported to the Assessments Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon from June 2001 to February 2004. During this tour at the Pentagon, he was working on E Ring when American Airlines Flight 77 hit his section of the Pentagon on September 11th. He subsequently served for three months as the Deputy Director of the Coalition Air Operations Center for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in Qatar directing bombing strikes against al-Qaeda and Taliban forces in Afghanistan.

In 2006 he was Commander Air Group (CAG) on the USS Eisenhower (CVN 69) where he earned the Ramage Award (Best in Navy). This award recognized carriers and their air wings who excelled operationally compared with others in the fleet.

After retiring from active duty in the Navy, he has worked as a consultant on Top Secret projects for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), and the United States Air Force and Navy.

Captain Bishop has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat "V", Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Individual Air Medal with Combat "V", five Strike/Flight Air Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit, campaign and service awards. Qualified in A-6E, EA-6B, F-14, F-18F, with 4,800 flight hours and 1,024 arrested landings on 6 aircraft carriers: Vinson, Constellation, George Washington, Eisenhower, Kitty Hawk, Ranger.