



*Captain Patrick R. Cleary, USN  
Deputy Commander, Carrier Air Wing EIGHT*

Captain Cleary is originally from Patuxent River, Maryland. He graduated from The College of William and Mary with a BS degree in Physics in 1984. After being commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy from the Aviation Officer Candidate School, Pensacola Florida he completed flight training and received his Naval Aviator wings in June 1986. Following initial training with VF-101 flying the F-14A Tomcat, he reported to his first operational tour with the VF-142 GHOSTRIDERS at NAS Oceana, Virginia.

Captain Cleary's subsequent flying tours included assignments to the GRIM REAPERS of VF-101 as an instructor pilot and phase leader; CARRIER AIR WING SEVENTEEN as a Staff LSO; as a department head in VF-103, the JOLLY ROGERS; the Commanding Officer of the BLACK ACES of VFA-41; and as the Commanding Officer of the F-18E/F FRS, the FLYING EAGLES of VFA-122. His staff tours of duty include tours at the Joint Staff in Washington D.C. in the Operations Directorate, J-34; at the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, TN, as PERS-431; and at the Combined Air Operations Center in Al Udeid, Qatar as the Battle Director for Operations ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) and IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF). He has made over six extended deployments to various peacetime and combat theaters around the world supporting numerous operations including DENY FLIGHT/PROVIDE PROMISE, SOUTHERN WATCH, OEF and OIF. Captain Cleary's next assignment is to Carrier Air Wing EIGHT staff as Deputy Commander.

Captain Cleary has accumulated over 3900 flight hours in seven different aircraft and over 1000 carrier arrested landings. His personal awards include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and the Strike/Flight Air Medal.

He is married to the lovely Annemarie DiNardo and they live in Glen Allen, VA with their wonderful children Emma and Erin.