



CDR Aaron P. Rouland
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Hailing from Crownsville, Maryland, Aaron Rouland attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering in the class of 1994. After completing flight school, he was stationed at Cecil Field to fly the F/A-18C Hornet, joining the Golden Warriors of VFA-87 in 1998. He flew combat missions over Kosovo in support of Operation Allied Force, and Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch in 1999, while cruising aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt. He later cruised on USS Enterprise, until departing to enter the United States Naval Test Pilot School.

He joined the Test Pilot School in Patuxent River, Maryland, graduating with Class 121 in June 2002. He subsequently flew F/A-18 Hornet and Superhornet aircraft at VX-23, conducting flight test and evaluation, with a focus on flight control software improvements.

In 2005 he graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, at the same time earning a master's degree in Adult Education from Kansas State University. He then returned to the fleet as a department head in the Vigilantes of VFA-151 in Lemoore, CA. He cruised aboard USS Abraham Lincoln during the 2006 Westpac deployment.

From Lemoore, he returned to Patuxent River to join the staff of the Test Pilot School, where he served as a flight instructor and department head. In July 2010, he was directed to stand up the UAS Test Directorate at Webster Outlying Field in St. Inigoes, Maryland.

On October 28, 2010, he led the official standup of the UAS Test Directorate, during which Naval Test Wing Atlantic empowered the Test Directorate to carry out developmental test and evaluation on a wide array of unmanned aircraft systems. As Director, CDR Rouland has overseen a steady growth in personnel, scope of work, and budget. The UASTD now conducts flight test on the MQ-8B Fire Scout, RQ-7B Shadow, Aerostar, and numerous other UAS.