



LCDR Andrew Gephart, USN
Chief Test Pilot
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Lieutenant Commander Andrew Gephart is a native of Dayton, Ohio and graduated from Boston University with a BA in Physics and an MS in Mechanical Engineering. He was designated a Naval Aviator in Kingsville, TX in May 2001.

Upon completion of replacement pilot training in the F-14A with the Grim Reapers of VF-101, he was assigned to the Checkmates of VF-211 at NAS Oceana where he deployed aboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65) flying combat sorties in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom from 2003-2004. He completed the transition to the F/A-18F with his squadron at NAS Lemoore in March 2005.

In 2005, he reported to United States Naval Test Pilot School at NAS Patuxent River, graduating with Class 129 in June 2006. His follow-on test tour was at VX-23, conducting flight test and evaluation on the F/A-18E/F, EA-18G, and T-45. During this tour, he was pulled for Individual Augmentation of the 1-28th Infantry Battalion based at FOB Falcon, Iraq, where he served as Electronics Warfare Officer from September 2007 to June 2008.

In September 2008, he reported to the Gladiators of VFA-106, where he completed replacement pilot training in the F/A-18C. He returned to the fleet as a department head in the Valions of VFA-15 at NAS Oceana where he cruised aboard USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on her 2011 maiden deployment in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. In June 2012, Lieutenant Commander Gephart was assigned as the Chief Test Pilot at the UAS Test Directorate at Webster Outlying Field in St. Inigoes, Maryland.