



Capt. Thomas M. Santomauro is a native of Aiken, South Carolina. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a commission as an ensign from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of South Carolina. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and holds a Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the Florida Institute of Technology.

He served operationally as an E-2C pilot in Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 112 deployed with USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and USS Stennis (CVN 74). While with VAW-116, he deployed aboard USS Lincoln (CVN 72). During these tours he participated in operations Southern Watch, Unified Assistance and multiple Western Pacific deployments.

Santomauro completed numerous acquisition tours, beginning with the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School. His test experience includes two tours at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 20, first as the Lead Test Pilot for the E-2C NP2000 program, and subsequently as the Government Flight Test Director for the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye program, the Executive Officer, and Senior Pilot for the squadron. He also served as Action Officer on the staff of the Executive Director for Aircraft Operations at the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), during that time making a deployment to Iraq as the Operations Officer/Deputy Commander for DCMA North Iraq. CAPT Santomauro was the Chief Test Pilot and Commanding Officer of VX30. He most recently served as the NAVAIR Ranges Department Military Deputy prior to taking command of Naval Test Wing Pacific Sept. 23, 2015.

His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.