



CDR Samuel Y. Hanaki is the chief test pilot for Air Test and Evaluation Squadron THREE ZERO (VX-30) Point Mugu, CA.

CDR Hanaki is a 1996 graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering. He also holds a master of science degree in aeronautical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He received his commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps and was designated a naval flight officer in 1998.

CDR Hanaki was assigned to Sea Control Squadron TWO ONE (VS-21). There, he completed five deployments aboard the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63) and conducted numerous multinational operations in the Pacific and Persian Gulf, receiving designation as a Viking Tactics instructor. In 2002, he reported to Sea Control Squadron FOUR ONE (VS-41) to serve as a fleet replacement squadron instructor and fleet evaluator.

Selected as an aerospace engineering duty officer in 2004, CDR Hanaki was subsequently transferred to China Lake, CA, to serve as the flag aide for the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Commander. He concurrently supported Air Test and Evaluation Squadron THREE ONE (VX-31) flight testing before being selected for the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS).

Following graduation from USNTPS with Class 131, he reported to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron TWO ZERO (VX-20), where he served as the P-8A Poseidon mission systems developmental test lead. In 2009, he was deployed to Iraq where he served as an engineering and fielding officer in the Joint Counter RC-IED Electronic Warfare Composite Squadron (JCCS-1), supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon his return, he was assigned to the Precision Strike Weapon Program Office (PMA-201) where he served as the deputy program manager for the Joint Stand-Off Weapon (JSOW). There, he led the development of the JSOW C-1, the first

Link-16 Network Enabled Weapon. CDR Hanaki became the VX-30 chief test pilot 11 June 2013.

CDR Hanaki has over 1,400 hours in over twenty-five models of jet, propeller, and rotary wing aircraft. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, and two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.