

Commander Michael Duez
Executive Officer
Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 31



Cmdr. Michael F. Duez is a native of Pana, Illinois. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2002 with a BS in Oceanography. Upon completing flight training at NAS Kingsville, Texas, Duez earned his wings as a naval aviator in May 2004 and reported to Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129 for fleet replacement training in the EA-6B Prowler.

Duez's first operational tour was with the "Garudas" of VAQ-134, where he deployed to Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan in 2005, 2007, and 2008 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During these deployments, Duez flew over 280 combat sorties in support of U.S. and Coalition forces.

Following his tour with the Garudas, Duez earned his Prowler Tactics Instructor (PTI) qualification and reported to the Electronic Attack Weapons School (EAWS) as a staff instructor. While assigned to EAWS, Duez served as the EA-6B defensive tactics subject matter expert, instructed in the PTI course, and provided tactical instruction to the VAQ community through the Electronic Warfare Advanced Readiness Program (EWARP) and Prowler Weapons and Tactics Program. In 2011, He reported to the "Gray Wolves" of VAQ-142 to serve as training officer through their deployment workup cycle on the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and their transition to the ICAP III Prowler.

In November 2012, Duez joined the "Patriots" of VAQ-140 as a Department Head while they were embarked aboard the USS Dwight D Eisenhower (CVN 69) deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon completion of the Patriots' final deployment in the EA-6B in 2013, Duez served as the Operations Officer through the squadron's transition and establishment as an EA-18G Growler squadron. He subsequently served as Maintenance Officer through the Patriots' deployment workup cycle for their maiden EA-18G deployment on the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75).

Following his department head tour, Duez reported again to EAWS where he served as the administrative officer, operations officer, and director of aircrew training. In addition to serving as a staff instructor, he was responsible for the management, modernization, and execution of all EAWS aircrew training programs.

Duez reported to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 31 as executive officer in July of 2018.

Duez's personal decorations include the Air Medal (14 Strike/Flight Awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), and various campaign medals and unit citations. He has accumulated over 2700 hours, primarily in the EA-6B and EA-18G.