

Commander Cassidi Reese

VX-31 Chief Test Pilot

Cmdr. Cassidi Reese, a native of Grand Forks, North Dakota, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Physics. She holds a Master of Science in Systems Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin. She is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, Class 139.



Sea tours include Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 154, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 2, and VFA-11. She deployed aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), and USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve.

Reese's first shore tour was with the "Dust Devils" of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 31, where she was responsible for System Configuration Sets H8, H8 Phase 2, and H10. She also served as the radar project officer, managing testing for APG-65, 73, and 79 radars. Reese returned to the Dust Devils in November 2017 as the Advanced Sensor Integration Department head, followed by Advanced Weapons Laboratory military deputy in February 2019. She assumed her current duties as chief test pilot in July 2020.

Reese has over 2,900 flight hours in 25 different airframes. She was the 2010 junior officer recipient of the CAPT Joy Bright Hancock Leadership Award and 2012 VX-31 Test NFO of the Year. Her personal decorations include the Air Medal (two Strike/Flight awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).