

**Rear Admiral David L. “Deke” Philman
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Rear Admiral David L. “Deke” Philman is the director, Air Warfare Division (OPNAV N88) on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources (OPNAV N8). A native of Bell, Fla., he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Operations Analysis in June 1978. He has also attended the U.S. Air War College and the Navy Executive Business School.



Philman has completed ten major deployments at sea aboard USS *Constellation* (CV-64), USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63), USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65), USS *Independence* (CV-62), USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN-70) and USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN-75). His initial sea tours were as an A-7E pilot in VA-146 and VA-27. In 1990 he transitioned to the F/A-18 Hornet during his tour with VA/VFA-27. Philman commanded the F/A-18C squadron VFA-151 (Vigilantes) from February 1996 to May 1997 aboard USS *Constellation*. Philman commanded Carrier Air Wing 3 aboard USS *Harry S. Truman* from July 2001 to January 2003. From July 2000 to June 2001, he served as the deputy air wing commander.

Philman's shore tours include advanced strike flight instructor at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas; aide to the Deputy Commander, U.S. Space Command, Colorado Springs, Colo.; executive assistant to the Director, Navy International Programs Office, Washington; head, Strike Aircraft Plans and Requirements (OPNAV Staff), Washington, and director, Navy Congressional Appropriations Liaison, Washington.

Philman's first flag officer assignment was as deputy commander, JFCC Global Strike and Integration, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., from September 2005 to September 2007. His most recent flag officer assignment was as commander, Strike Force Training Pacific, San Diego, from September 2007 to February 2009.

Philman has logged more than 4,500 flight hours in tactical jet aircraft and has completed more than 1000 carrier arrested landings on 11 different aircraft carriers. He is entitled to wear the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Strike/Flight Air Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal.