

## CDR TODD ROYLES | USN

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Commander Todd Royles is a native of Willow Grove, Pa., and graduated from Upper Moreland High School in 1997. He attended Pennsylvania State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice in 2001.

In May 2001, Todd received his commission from the Navy ROTC program at Pennsylvania State University. He reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., for aviation indoctrination and completed Naval Flight Officer Training in the T-34C Mentor, T-39G/N Saberliner and the T-2C Buckeye. He received his wings of gold in October 2002.

Todd then reported to Strike Fighter Squadron 122 (VFA-122), the "Flying Eagles," at NAS Lemoore, Calif., for training as a Weapon Systems Officer (WSO) in the F/A-18F Super Hornet. In August 2003, he reported to Strike Fighter Squadron 41 (VFA-41), the world famous "Black Aces" where he completed two Western Pacific deployments aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and flew combat missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While with the "Black Aces", Todd served as the Aircraft Division Officer, AT Branch Officer, Schedules Officer and Public Affairs Officer.

In September 2006, Todd returned to VFA-122 as an Instructor WSO in the F/A-18F Super Hornet. He served as the Training Model Manager, Student Control Officer and Schedules Officer and was selected as a member of the 2007 Super Hornet Tactical Demonstration Team. He was named the 2007 Instructor WSO of the Year, and in March 2008, he graduated from the United States Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN).

In February 2009, Todd reported back to VFA-41 as the Training Officer. He completed a combat deployment aboard USS Nimitz where he flew numerous missions over Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In September 2010, Todd reported to the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels) as the Events Coordinator for the 2011 and 2012 air show seasons.

In February 2013, Todd reported to VFA-106 for refresher training in the F/A-18F and upon completion, he reported to VFA-211 for his Department Head tour. He served as the Assistant Operations Officer, Administrative Officer, and Maintenance Officer and deployed aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

In January 2016, he transitioned to the Selected Reserves and reported to the VT-86 Squadron Augment Unit where he served as the Executive Officer. He was selected as the 2017 Training Wing Six (TW-6) Reserve Flight Instructor of the Year.

Todd joined the Blue Angels in September 2019. He has accumulated more than 2,800 flight hours and 495 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, two Strike Flight Air Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and various personal and unit awards.

