

CDR BILL SCHOMER | USN

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Commander Bill Schomer is a native of Lorain, Ohio. He graduated from Admiral King High School, and reported to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, for Navy basic training in 1988. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Operations from Jacksonville University and a Master in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

During his enlisted career, he served with the “Valions” of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 15, where he completed three deployments aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). In 1994, he reported to the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, The Blue Angels, where he served in the airframes and paint shops.

Bill was accepted to the Navy’s Seaman-to-Admiral commissioning program in 1996, completed Officer Candidate School in February 1997, and earned his commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy in June 1997. Bill then reported to Naval Aviation Schools Command for Naval Flight Officer training, earning his wings of gold in November 1998.

Following Joint Aviation Electronic Warfare training at Corry Station in Pensacola, Florida, Bill reported to the “Vikings” of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129 in Whidbey Island, Washington, in March 1999 for fleet replacement training.

At sea, he served with the “Lancers” of VAQ-131, where he deployed twice aboard USS Constellation (CV 64) in support of Operations Southern Watch and Iraqi Freedom, serving as the squadron’s Navigation Officer, Line Division Officer, Personnel Officer and AGM-88 subject matter expert for Carrier Air Wing Two. He reported to the “Gray Wolves” of VAQ-142 in November 2007 as Tactics Officer, Administrative Officer, and Safety Officer, completing a deployment to Al Asad Airbase, Iraq. In 2013, he reported to USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) as Assistant Air Officer and deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He has completed 183 combat sorties, accumulating more than 760 combat hours, in support of Operation Southern Watch and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Ashore, Bill held positions as Flag Aide to the Deputy Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. 5th Fleet, Bahrain; and Director of Aviation Water Survival and Course Curriculum Model Manager at Naval Aviation Schools Command. He most recently served as the Director of Air Operations at NAS Pensacola.

Bill joined the Blue Angels in September 2018. He has accumulated more than 1,900 flight hours and 271 carrier-arrested landings. His decorations include two Meritorious Service Medals, nine Air Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, five Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and various personal, command and campaign awards.

