

# Captain John K. Stuart, Jr.

## United States Navy Commanding Officer



Captain John K. Stuart, Jr. is a native of Bay Village, Ohio. He attended the University of Michigan where he was a member of the Naval Reserve Officer Corps and was commissioned in April 1978.

Following completion of flight training, Captain Stuart was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1980. His initial tour was with VT-24 in Beeville, Texas flying the TA-4J Skyhawk as an instructor pilot. Captain Stuart reported in August 1981 to VA-122 in Lemoore, California for A-7E Corsair II Replacement Pilot training. His first operational fleet tour began in July 1982 with VA-146 where he completed a 1984 Western Pacific deployment in USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63). During his tour, Captain Stuart was awarded the Admiral Wesley L. McDonald Leadership Award for Junior Officers.

Captain Stuart transitioned to the FA-18 Hornet in May 1985 while attached to VFA-106 at NAS Cecil Field, FL. He served as an instructor pilot in VFA-106 until reporting in September 1988 to VFA-137 for his department head tour while he deployed to the Mediterranean Sea in 1989 on board USS CORAL SEA (CV 43).

In May 1990, Captain Stuart relieved as Flag Lieutenant to Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet on board USS BELKNAP (CG 26), homeported in Gaeta, Italy. In August 1991, Captain Stuart reported to the College of Naval Command and Staff at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, where he received a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Upon completion of the Naval War College, Captain Stuart reported to U.S. Atlantic Command in July 1992 where he served as Deputy Chief of the Counterdrug Operations Division until June 1994.

Captain Stuart reported as Executive Officer of Strike Fighter Squadron FIFTEEN (VFA-15) in January 1995 and deployed in USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) to the Arabian Gulf, Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea where he participated in combat operation Deliberate Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina. After assuming command of the Valions in April 1996, he again deployed in 1997 to the Mediterranean Sea in USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).

Following his command tour, Captain Stuart was selected for the Nuclear Power Training Program in October 1997. Captain Stuart then served as Executive Officer in USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) from July 1999 to February 2001 where he deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

Captain Stuart relieved as Commanding Officer on board USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13) in March 2001 while deployed to the Mediterranean Sea.

Captain Stuart is married to the former Karen Helen Krumwiede of Corpus Christi, Texas. They reside with their four children in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

