



United States Navy Biography

CAPTAIN SEAN R. BAILEY, USN **Commanding Officer, USS George H W Bush (CVN 77)**

Captain Sean R. Bailey is a native of Lansing, Kansas. He is a 1991 graduate of the University of Kansas, where he received a Bachelor of General Studies in Political Science. After receiving his commission through the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC), he attended Naval Flight Officer training in Pensacola, Florida where he earned his wings in September 1992. He is a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College and the Naval War College with a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies and he completed the Navy Nuclear Power Training Program in 2012.



Bailey's operational tours were with Fighter Squadron (VF) 103 as a division officer, VF-14 as the Training Officer and Quality Assurance Officer, and VF-213 as the Safety Officer and Maintenance Officer. Bailey transitioned to the F/A-18F in 2007, and was assigned as the Executive Officer of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 2, until assuming command of the "Bounty Hunters" in 2009. He deployed aboard USS Saratoga (CV 60) in 1994; USS Enterprise (CVN 65) in 1996 and 2001; USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) in 2003 and USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) in 2008 and 2009-2010. While deployed he participated in Operations Deny Flight, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

Ashore, Bailey served as an instructor and Strike Phase Leader at VF-101, the F-14 Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) and served on the NATO staff of Allied Joint Command Lisbon, in Oeiras, Portugal.

Bailey was the first Executive Officer of Pre-Commissioning Unit Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) in Newport News, Virginia, where he served until January 2015. He assumed command of USS Arlington (LPD 24) in June 2015 and led the ship and crew on their maiden deployment to the Sixth and Fifth Fleet area of operations. He was selected for CVN command after a temporary assignment to Expeditionary Strike Group Two in 2016.

Bailey took command of USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77) in January 2018 as the ship's sixth Commanding Officer.

Captain Bailey's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device. He has flown over 3300 hours in the F-14 and F/A-18 and has logged over 900 arrested carrier landings.