Captain
O.P. Honors
United States Navy

Commanding Officer
USS Enterprise (CVN-65)

Capt. Honors is a native of Syracuse, N.Y., who graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1983. He was designated a Naval Aviator in September 1985.

After initial F-14 training with the “Grim Reapers” of VF-101, Capt. Honors was assigned to the “Bedevilers” of VF-74, and deployed aboard USS Saratoga (CV 60) to the Mediterranean Sea. During this tour, he attended U.S. Naval Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun) and was selected to attend Test Pilot School.

In 1989, he reported to the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, graduating in 1990. His tour was completed at the Strike Aircraft Test Directorate in Patuxent River, Md., in the carrier suitability department.

In April 1993, Capt. Honors reported to the “Black Aces” of VF-41 for his department head tour deploying on board USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). While attached to VF-41, he served as both Operations and Maintenance Officer conducting combat operations in the former Republic of Yugoslavia and Iraq.

Following this tour, he reported to the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., and received a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. In September 1996, he reported to U.S. Atlantic Command for joint duty as the Joint Reconnaissance Center Branch Head. During this tour, Capt. Honors was selected for aviation command.

In October 1999, Capt. Honors reported to the “Checkmates” of VF-211, deploying on board USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). Capt. Honors assumed command of the “Checkmates” in February 2001. While attached to the “Checkmates,” he deployed twice to the Western Pacific/Arabian Gulf. His second deployment was on short notice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom soon after the events of 9/11.

Capt. Honors reported to the Bureau of Personnel (BUPERS) as the head junior officer detailer in May 2002. He was selected for CVN XO in October 2002 and departed BUPERS in October 2003 to begin Aviation Nuclear Officer training. He reported as Executive Officer of USS Enterprise (CVN-65) in July 2005, deploying twice prior to departing in September 2007.

In January 2008, Capt. Honors assumed command of the U.S. Sixth Fleet Command Ship, USS Mount Whitney (LCC/JCC 20) homeported in Gaeta, Italy. The ship conducted humanitarian assistance missions in Lebanon and the Republic of Georgia in support of Operation Assured Delivery.

Capt. Honors is the 21st Commanding Officer of USS Enterprise (CVN-65).

He has accumulated more than 3,400 flight hours in 31 different types of aircraft with more than 700 landings on 15 different carriers. Capt. Honors has flown 85 combat missions in three different theaters. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, and various campaign/unit awards.