

Rear Admiral Daryle D. Cardone



RDML Daryle D. Cardone is a native of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. He earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania in 1993. He holds a Masters of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He received his commission through the Officer Candidate School program in December 1995. He is also a graduate of the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) Air Intercept Controller course and the Carrier Airborne Early Warning Weapons School (CAEWWS).

Operational assignments include two tours with Airborne Command and Control Squadron (VAW) 125 “Torch Bearers/Tigertails,” two tours with VAW-121 “Bluetails,” and as Executive Officer aboard USS [*George Washington*](#) (CVN 73) during her Refueling and Complex Overhaul. His command tours include VAW-121, USS [*Lewis B. Puller*](#) (ESB 3) forward deployed to Bahrain, and USS [*Ronald Reagan*](#) (CVN 76) forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

Shore assignments include tours as an instructor with VAW-120 “Greyhawks” and as a plank owner of the *Hawkeye* Weapons and Tactics Unit, Atlantic. He has served on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as Special Assistant to the Director, Flag Officer Management and Distribution (N00F), in Washington, D.C., and as Executive Officer at VAW-120, the *Hawkeye* and *Greyhound* community

Fleet Replacement Squadron. RDML Cardone also served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as the Navy Military Assistant the DoD Executive Secretary and as a Trip Coordinator for the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense. During his tour at OSD, he became a Joint Qualified Officer and selected for the Aviation Nuclear Officer program. After his tour at *Ronald Reagan*, RDML Cardone served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as Aircraft Carrier Branch Head and Acting Deputy Director for Air Warfare Division (N98). He is currently serving as Director of Operations and Plans (N3) at the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

RDML Cardone has flown over 2,800 flight hours and made over 700 carrier-arrested landings. He has flown more than 120 combat missions in support of Operations *Deliberate Forge*, *Southern Watch*, *Enduring Freedom*, and *Iraqi Freedom*. He is authorized to wear the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Strike Flight Air Medal (Bronze Numeral Four), and various personal, unit, service and campaign decorations.

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