

Rear Admiral Fred C. Goldhammer



Rear Admiral Frederic C. Goldhammer, a native of New York City, was commissioned in 1993 after graduating from the United States Naval Academy with a degree in Mathematics. A graduate of the US Naval Test Pilot School and the Navy's Nuclear Propulsion Training program, he holds Master's Degrees from Johns Hopkins University and the Air Force Command and Staff College. He was also a Federal Executive Fellow at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

Operational command tours include Airborne Command and Control Squadron (VAW) 117 "Wallbangers," USS [*Mesa Verde*](#) (LPD 19) and USS [*Ronald Reagan*](#) (CVN 76) as part of Forward Deployed Naval Forces Japan. Additional sea duty assignments include VAW-125 "Tigertails" as a junior officer, VAW-123 "Screwtops" as a department head, and USS [*Theodore Roosevelt*](#) (CVN 71) as Executive Officer. He deployed multiple times in support of Operations *Southern Watch*, *Deliberate Forge*, *Enduring Freedom*, *Iraqi Freedom*, *Inherent Resolve* and throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

Ashore, Goldhammer served as a Navy liaison to the US Army XVIII Airborne Corps during combat operations in Afghanistan, watch officer for the US Fifth Fleet Combat Search and Rescue Center in support of combat operations in Iraq, staff officer in the Coalition Air Operations Center in Saudi Arabia for Joint Task Force Southwest Asia, flight test lead and project officer at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 20, and as a flight instructor with VAW-120 "Greyhawks." He also completed several Pentagon assignments, including Special Assistant to the Navy's Director of Air Warfare (OPNAV N98), Executive Assistant to the Director of Navy Staff, military planner in the Joint Staff Strategy,

Plans and Policy Directorate's (J-5) Homeland Defense and Counter-Terror division, and Department of Defense liaison to the National Counter Terrorism Center.

As a Flag Officer, he was previously assigned as the Deputy Director for Asia in the Joint Staff J-5 Directorate. Rear Admiral Goldhammer assumed command of Carrier Strike Group 11 in May 2025.

He has accumulated more than 3,200 flight hours and over 800 carrier arrested landings in 29 different types of aircraft. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Navy Meritorious Service Medal, along with other personal, unit and campaign awards.

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