

## Captain Eric J. Anduze Executive Officer



Captain Eric J. Anduze is a native of Manati, Puerto Rico, and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. In April 1996, Captain Anduze was designated a Naval Aviator at NAS Meridian, MS. His first assignment was with the “Grim Reapers” of VF-101 for F-14 training.

Upon completion of training, Captain Anduze joined the “Black Aces” of VF-41. From May 1997 until February 2001, he completed two deployments aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) and USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71), where he conducted combat missions in support of Operation Allied Force/Noble Anvil over Kosovo. In January 2001, Captain Anduze returned to VF-101 as an F-14 instructor. While in VF-101, he was selected to attend “Top Gun” and earned qualification as a Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor.

Captain Anduze returned to the fleet in February 2003 as the Training Officer for “Black Knights” of Fighter Squadron 154 (VF-154). While assigned to VF-154, he completed a deployment aboard the USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63), where he conducted combat missions in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

In August of 2003, Captain Anduze reported to the “World Famous Pukin’ Dogs” of VF-143. Serving as the Training, Administration, Maintenance and Operations Officer, he made two deployments aboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69), one flying the F-14B Tomcat and one flying the F/A-18E Super Hornet, and conducted missions in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. In December 2006, Captain Anduze reported to US Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, VA, where he served as Concept Development Project lead.

Captain Anduze rejoined the Pukin’ Dogs in August 2010, as Executive Officer and commanded VFA-143 from December 2011 to February 2013, deploying aboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In March 2013, he reported to COMNAVAIRLANT as the Director of Aviation Training and Readiness. Selected for the Aviation Nuclear Power Program, Captain Anduze began the nuclear power training track in January 2014 and reported to the USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) in August 2015.

Captain Anduze has logged more than 3200 flight hours and 850 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Strike Flight Air Medals (6, 1 with Combat V), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3, 1 with combat V), and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3).