



Captain William S. Koyama
United States Navy
Commander
Carrier Air Wing FIVE

Captain Koyama graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, and subsequently worked at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the Spacecraft Systems Engineering section, designing the Galileo spacecraft and probe which explored Jupiter and its moons. In November of 1988, Captain Koyama entered the United States Navy Aviation Officer's Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida. He received his Naval Aviator wings in December of 1990, and was selected for FA-18 training in Lemoore, California.

Captain Koyama served aboard USS RANGER (CV 61) on a combat cruise in the Persian Gulf for nine months as the Air Transfer Officer then completed Fleet replacement training with VFA-125 in November of 1992, and reported to Strike Fighter Squadron ONE ONE THREE for his initial operational tour onboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70).

"Condor" was selected for U.S. Navy Test Pilot School in 1995 and graduated in USNTPS Class 109 in June of 1996. He worked in the FA-18 Project Office of VX-23, then returned to USNTPS in November of 1997, serving as a Fixed Wing and Systems Flight Instructor until February of 1999 when he received orders to Commander, Carrier Group ONE in San Diego, California.

In September 2000 Captain Koyama was assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron ONE NINE TWO, Carrier Air Wing FIVE, onboard USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63), where he completed his department head tour, including two combat deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq, participating in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and the opening phases of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

From October 2003 to May 2005 Captain Koyama was assigned to the Personnel Exchange Program, United Kingdom, instructing at the British Empire Test Pilot's School in Boscombe Down, England. He was awarded a Masters of Science degree in Aviation Systems Engineering from the University of Tennessee Space Institute in May of 2004.

Captain Koyama reported to VFA-83, as Executive Officer in June 2006 on USS EISENHOWER (CVN 69) and USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) where he deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Somalia. He later assumed command of VFA-143 in May 2008, transitioning to the FA-18E Super Hornet, before serving with JCCS-1 in Iraq from July 2009 to July 2010. He subsequently attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University in Washington, D.C. earning a Masters of Science degree in National Resource Strategy as a Distinguished Graduate.

In July 2012, CAPT Koyama reported to Carrier Air Wing Five as the Deputy Commander, and in December of 2013 assumed command of CVW-5. As Commander. He led the first ever Air Wing TRANSPAC to NAS Fallon Nevada to perform Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program and Air Wing Fallon events on the Navy's premier Range Training Complex, successfully returning to Japan and subsequently completing a highly successful Western Pacific Cruise.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with "V" and the Navy Commendation Medal with "V" and other various personal and unit awards. He has accumulated more than 5,300 flight hours, over 1113 arrested landings, and has flown over 50 different models of aircraft.