

# COMMANDER BRADY “SATO” BARTOSH

## UNITED STATES NAVY



Commander (CDR) Brady “SATO” Bartosh was born in Houston, TX and obtained a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Rice University and a master’s degree in aeronautical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. He earned Naval Aviator wings in 1994 at Naval Air Station (NAS) Kingsville, TX in 1994. His fleet background includes a junior officer tour with VF-211 at NAS Miramar, CA in 1995 and a department head tour with VF-154 at Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi, Japan in 2001, flying F-14A Tomcats.

CDR Bartosh has flown more than 40 combat missions in support of Operations Iraq Freedom and Southern Watch, where as a Forward Air Controller (Airborne) he was responsible for the direct and indirect release of more than 40 precision guided munitions and was awarded three Air Medals.

CDR Bartosh is also a graduate of U.S. Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS) Class 116 and has served as a test pilot and project officer for the developmental test phase of the Digital Flight Control System (DFCS) upgrade program on F-14A/B/D aircraft. Other test tours include two tours as a flight instructor and Operations Officer at USNTPS. CDR Bartosh transitioned to the Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer (AEDO) community in July 2005.

CDR Bartosh assumed command of VX-31 in China Lake, CA in January 2010. As Commanding Officer (CO), he was accountable for all aspects of the safe and thorough testing of 15 type/model/series aircraft, three unmanned aircraft systems, countless weapons systems, and over 400 military, government, and contractor personnel, ensuring Navy Warfighters were equipped with highly capable and effective combat systems. CDR Bartosh “fleeted-up” to CO from the Chief Test Pilot position, where he had served with VX-31 since June 2008. He is a member of the Navy Acquisition Corps, the Space Cadre and the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and has logged almost 3,000 flight hours in 53 different aircraft models.

CDR Bartosh is currently serving as the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) 4.8 Military Director, Support Equipment and Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment Department in Lakehurst, NJ. His military decorations include a Meritorious Service Medal, an Air Medal (Specific Action with combat “V”), two Air Medals (Strike Flight), three Navy Commendation Medals, and two Navy Achievement Medals. CDR Bartosh is married to his very lovely bride, Christina. They are the proud parents of two highly energetic children: Ryan and Katie.