



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

Captain Koyama was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He grew up in Tigard, Oregon, graduating from Tigard High School in June of 1982. He 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 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.

Enroute to Lemoore, Captain Koyama served aboard the USS RANGER (CV 61) on a combat cruise in the Persian Gulf for nine months as the Air Transfer Officer. He 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).

Captain "Condor" Koyama was selected for U.S. Navy Test Pilot School in 1995 and graduated in USNTPS Class 109 in June of 1996. Assigned to the FA-18 Project Office of VX-23, he was the Project Officer for several developmental projects for the FA-18 Production and Systems Development Team. He 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 the 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, where he assumed the position of Fixed Wing Tutor 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.

"Condor" then served with JCCS-1 July 2009 to July 2010. He was subsequently selected to attend 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.

Captain Koyama is presently assigned as Deputy Commander, Carrier Air Wing FIVE, forward deployed to NAF Atsugi, Japan onboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73).

His personal decorations include the 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 4,000 flight hours, over 750 arrested landings, and has flown over 50 different types of aircraft.