



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral Timothy S. Matthews Director, Fleet Readiness (OPNAV N43)

Rear Adm. Matthews is the director, Fleet Readiness Division. The Fleet Readiness Division is responsible for Planning and Programming, a \$23 billion annual budget in support of operating and maintaining the Navy's ships, aircraft, submarines, and expeditionary forces. The division also resources Training Ranges and the Readiness Reporting systems.

Matthews graduated from the University of Colorado in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering. Commissioned in August 1982 through the Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla., Matthews was designated an aeronautical maintenance duty officer in 1983. He attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., where he received his master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1995. He was designated an Acquisition Professional Community member in 1998.



Matthews' fleet operational tours include duty aboard USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV 67); Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Two (VQ 2) in Rota, Spain; Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 132 (VAQ 132) in Whidbey Island, Wash.; Carrier Air Wing 14 (CVW 14); and Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department, Whidbey Island, Wash. During these assignments, he made multiple deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, Western Pacific, and Persian Gulf aboard *Kennedy*, USS *Saratoga* (CV 60), and USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70).

Matthews' acquisition tours include Consolidated Automated Support Systems (CASS) Fleet Introduction leader at the Naval Air Systems Command, PMA-260. Beginning in September 2004, he served as director, Joint Depot Maintenance Activities Group, Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Selected for command of the Naval Air Depot Jacksonville in 2004, he reported as executive officer in 2005 and assumed command of the newly re-named Fleet Readiness Center Southeast in 2007. In August 2009, he reported as commander, Fleet Readiness Centers and NAVAIR Assistant Commander for Logistics and Industrial Operations. In August 2011, he assumed his duties as director, Fleet Readiness Division.

Matthews' awards include the Legion of Merit (2), Meritorious Service Medal (4), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4), the Virgil Lemmon Award for Maintenance Excellence, and the Association of Old Crows' Maintenance Award.

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