



CAPTAIN LOUIS J. SCHAGER
COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL AIR STATION OCEANA

Captain Schager grew up in Palatine, Illinois and graduated with Merit from the United States Naval Academy in 1990, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He attended flight training in Pensacola, Florida and Meridian, Mississippi and received his Wings of Gold in July 1993.

After completing F-14 training at VF-101, Captain Schager reported to VF-211 "Checkmates" at NAS Miramar. In September 1997, Captain Schager returned to VF-101 as an F-14A/B/D Instructor Pilot. During this tour, he graduated from the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) in May 1998. Captain Schager was awarded Fighter Wing Atlantic Instructor of the Year for 1999.

Captain Schager reported to VF-103 "Jolly Rogers" at NAS Oceana in May 2000 where he served as Maintenance and Operations Officer.

Captain Schager next attended the Naval War College and was awarded a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies in November 2003. He then reported to the Joint Staff in the Pentagon, Washington, DC at the National Military Command Center where he served as Assistant Deputy Director for Operations and Senior Emergency Actions Officer.

Captain Schager served as Executive Officer of VFA-32 "Swordsmen" until November 2007, followed by an assignment as Executive Officer of VFA-106 in 2009 before moving on to his Command tour with the "Blue Blasters" of VFA-34 in May 2010. He reported as the Executive Officer of NAS Oceana in 2013 and took Command of the installation in March 2015.

Captain Schager has accumulated over 4200 flight hours and 815 arrested landings. He has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Individual Air Medal, Strike Flight Air Medal (five awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and numerous campaign medals and deployment ribbons. He received the Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet peer selected Leadership Award in 2001, 2007 and 2008.