

# Rear Admiral Steven L. Enewold

Deputy Director, Joint Strike Fighter Program



Rear Admiral Steve “Smiley” Enewold, a native of Denver, Colorado, graduated from the University of New Mexico and its Naval Reserve Officer Training Candidate Program in December 1972. After commissioning, he entered flight training and postgraduate studies at Pensacola, Florida. In June 1974, he received his Masters of Science in Aeronautical Systems from the University of West Florida and shortly thereafter, “Wings of Gold” at Training Squadron FOUR.

Operational training began in January 1975 when he transitioned to the A-6A/E INTRUDER at Whidbey Island, Washington. His initial Fleet squadron was the MAIN BATTERY (VA-196) where he completed a WESTPAC/ Indian Ocean Deployment and won his first Air Wing “TOP TEN” Tailhook Award. His follow-on assignment was with VA-128 as an A-6 instructor pilot, serving as the AIRPAC NATOPS Model Manager and lead instructor for the Familiarization, Weapons, and Tactics training phases.

His second operational tour with the VA-52 KNIGHTRIDERS was shortened by selection to Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB where he served as the Class Leader for Class 83A, “The Class with **NO** Class”. After graduation in December 1983, he reported to the A-6 Weapon System Support Activity, China Lake, California. His projects included the A-6E weapon integration of HARM, HARPOON 1C, IR and

LASER Maverick, Skipper II, GATOR, BIGEYE, AWW-13 Data Link Pod, and A-6F software design. In 1987, he was selected as an Aeronautical Engineering Duty Officer and started his third operational tour with the VA-115 EAGLES station in Atsugi, Japan.

In 1988, he transferred to the Naval Test Pilot School where he served as Chief Flight Instructor, teaching in the Systems and Fixed Wing curricula. In June 1991, he transferred to Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters, serving as both the A-6 “Class Desk” and Director, Air Vehicle Division (AIR-530).

In August 1994, he assumed command of the Aircrew Systems Program (PMA-202) where he managed the development, procurement and support of personal flight equipment, night vision goggles, escape systems and survival radios. In April 1997, he transferred to the Program Executive Office for Tactical Aircraft Programs (PEO (T)) and assumed command of the EA-6B Program (PMA-234) until August 1999. In 2000, he completed a one-year assignment in the Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellowship Program where he was assigned to Lockheed Martin Mission Systems in Gaithersburg, MD.

He commanded of the Program Executive Officer for Air ASW, Assault and Special Mission Programs (PEO (A)) 13 December 2000 until 30 January 2002. His current assignment is the Deputy Director, Joint Strike Fighter.

Rear Admiral Enewold has flown over 4800 flight hours in more than fifty different types of aircraft and has over 660 carrier arrested landings. Rear Admiral Enewold’s personal decorations include: Legion of Merit (3), Meritorious Service Medal (3), Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal.