

Rear Admiral Paul Lanzilotta



Rear Admiral Paul Lanzilotta hails from Long Island, New York, and is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He commissioned through the Naval ROTC program and earned his wings of gold as a naval flight officer. He earned a master's degree in systems engineering from the Johns Hopkins University in Maryland.

Lanzilotta most recently served as the commanding officer of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS [*Gerald R. Ford*](#) (CVN 78), during which he led the team through the ship's first overseas employment, and completion of workups in preparation for her first combat deployment. In addition, under his command, *Gerald R. Ford* completed the first full ship shock trials for a carrier in 34 years after which the ship executed her first planned incremental availability (repair and modernization) at Newport News Shipbuilding.

Assignments at sea include command of USS [*Arlington*](#) (LPD 24), executive officer for USS [*Ronald Reagan*](#) (CVN 76) stationed in Yokosuka, Japan; commanding officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 120 "Greyhawks;" and commanding officer, VAW-126 "Seahawks." He also served as a junior officer and department head assigned to VAW-121 "Bluetails," and as flag lieutenant for Commander, Carrier Strike Group Six.

His assignments ashore include the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, Fixed Wing Test Squadron (VX) 20, J-35 lead planner for HQ European Command, and deputy executive assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel.

RDML Lanzilotta reported in May 2023 to U.S. Fleet Forces Command and is serving as director, Maritime Headquarters.

He has logged over 2,600 hours in 22 different aircraft. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and various other medals, unit and campaign awards.

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