



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral (Select) Margaret D. Klein Command Operations Officer, Naval Network Warfare, United States Navy

Rear Admiral (Select) Margaret D. Klein became the Naval Network Warfare Command Operations Officer in June 2008. She was born in Weymouth, Mass., commissioned in 1981 and designated a Naval Flight officer in 1983. She is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a 1999 graduate of the University of Southern Maine with a Masters of Education. In April 2008, it was announced that she was nominated for appointment to Rear Admiral (Select)

After her winging in 1983, she reported to the "Ironmen" of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 3 in Barbers Point, Hawaii. There she accumulated 2,700 hours in the EC-130Q. In 1987, she reported to the Staff of Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet working enlisted personnel readiness. In 1988, Captain Klein transferred to the Naval Military Personnel Command, where she served as aviation initial assignments officer and VQ detailer.

In 1991, Rear Adm. (Sel.) Klein checked back in with the Ironmen for her department head tour, flying the E-6A as the squadron moved from Hawaii to Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. From Oklahoma, she was selected to serve in the White House Military Office in the Presidential Contingency Plans Directorate. Rear Adm. (Sel.) Klein was selected as a Brookings Legislative Fellow in 1997 and served on the staff of Senator Olympia Snowe briefing defense issues.

In 1999, Rear Adm. (Sel.) Klein returned to the VQ-3 to serve as executive officer and commanding officer. The Ironmen won the Battle E and the Maintenance Excellence Award during her command tour. After leaving squadron command, Rear Adm. (Sel.) Klein served aboard USS Kitty Hawk Battle Group Staff as the N6. During her tour on the Carrier Group 5 staff, the Battle Group participated in Operation Enduring Freedom and in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Rear Adm. (Sel.) Klein returned to Oklahoma to serve as deputy, then wing commander of Task Force 124 and Strategic Communications Wing 1. Upon completion of major command, she was assigned to the staff of Commander, Carrier Strike Group 8 where she served as the chief of staff for the Eisenhower Strike Group.

In December 2006, Rear Adm. (Sel.) Klein became the 82nd Commandant of Midshipmen where she was responsible for the military and professional development of the 4,300 members of the Brigade of Midshipmen.

Rear Adm. (Sel.) Klein's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (three awards), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards) and the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

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