



Rear Admiral Kavon Hakimzadeh

Commander, Norfolk Naval Shipyard



Rear Adm. Kavon "Hak" Hakimzadeh graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a degree in Electrical Engineering and was commissioned through NROTC in May 1992. He holds master's degrees from Old Dominion University, the Naval War College, and the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. He was also a Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI fellow.

Operational command tours include Airborne Command and Control Squadron (VAW) 126, USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) and USS Harry S Truman (CVN 75). During each of these tours, his teams earned recognition as the best units in the Navy in their respective categories. Additional sea duty assignments include VAW-125 as a junior officer,

Carrier Strike Group Eight as flag lieutenant, VAW-123 as a department head, VAW-126 and USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) as executive officer.

Ashore, he served as a flight instructor with VAW-120, as a student at the Naval War College, and duty under instruction as an Arthur S. Moreau fellow. Additionally, he has served in five Pentagon assignments including the Joint Staff (J-3) readiness division, SOUTHCOM Washington, D.C. office, OPNAV N00X/N9I as a strike warfare analyst and assessment branch head and two tours in OPNAV N98 as executive assistant to the Director, Air Warfare and Aircraft Carrier Requirements Branch Head.

His previous Flag assignments include director, Joint and Fleet Operations, N3, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Carrier Strike Group TWO. He assumed his duties as Commander, Norfolk Naval Shipyard in August 2025.

He has accumulated over 3,100 flight hours and 815 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Defense Meritorious Service Medal among other personal and unit awards.