



# United States Navy Biography

## Vice Admiral Bruce W. Clingan Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5)

Vice Admiral Bruce W. Clingan is a native of Lafayette, Ind., but was raised in Bellevue, Wash. He graduated from the University of Washington and holds a Masters of Science from the University of Southern California. He received his commission through the NROTC program in June 1977.

Designated a naval aviator in May 1979, Clingan flew F-14 Tomcats with Fighter Squadron 124, Fighter Squadron 114, and Fighter Squadron 211, making deployments aboard USS *America* (CV 66), USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65), USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63), and USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68). He commanded Fighter Squadron 11, and after completing the nuclear power program, served as executive officer of USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72). Subsequently, he commanded the 6th Fleet flagship USS *LaSalle* (AFG 3) and USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70).



Ashore, Clingan served as an F-14 flight instructor at Fighter Squadron 124, where he helped Naval Air Systems Command and Grumman Aerospace Corporation develop the F-14D Super Tomcat as a member of the Aircrew Systems Advisory Panel.

Clingan's first Joint assignment was in Europe, as a member of the Operations and Readiness Branch, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, where he helped negotiate various North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)/Spanish Coordination Agreements.

After selection to flag rank, Clingan joined United States Central Command, serving as deputy director of Operations from April 2002 to May 2004 during Operations *Enduring Freedom* and *Iraqi Freedom*. Clingan assumed command of Carrier Strike Group 3 / *Carl Vinson* Strike Group in June 2004 and served as CTF-50/152 during an extended deployment in support of Operation *Iraqi Freedom* in 2005. Subsequently, he joined the staff of the chief of Naval Operations in September 2005 as deputy director, Air Warfare Division (N78B), followed by assignments as director, Air Warfare Division (N88) and director, Warfare Integration/Senior National Representative (N8F). Following his tour on chief of Naval Operations staff, he assumed command of Joint Command Lisbon; commander, U.S. 6th Fleet; commander, Allied Joint Command Lisbon; commander, Striking and Support Forces NATO; deputy commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe; deputy commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa; and Joint Forces Maritime Component commander, Europe.

Clingan began his current tour of duty in December 2009 as deputy chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5).

Clingan's personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), the Legion of Merit (four awards), the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards) and various service and campaign awards.