



United States Navy Biography



Rear Admiral Patrick Driscoll

Rear Admiral Patrick Driscoll is a native of Homewood, Ill., and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. He entered the Aviation Officer Candidate Program and was commissioned an ensign in January of 1979.

Rear Adm. Driscoll's initial fleet assignment was with the 1983 Battle "E" winning VS-32 "Maulers," where he completed two Indian Ocean deployments and was selected as the Atlantic Fleet Sea Strike Pilot of the Year. Following transition training in the A-7E CORSAIR II, Rear Adm. Driscoll deployed with the VA-105 "Gunslingers" to the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean, which included participation in tanker escort operations during Operation *Earnest Will*.

His next sea assignment was with the "Clansmen" of VA-46, where he deployed aboard the USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV 67) to the Red Sea in support of Operations *Desert Shield* and *Desert Storm*. Rear Adm. Driscoll then attended the Naval War College, with a follow-on joint assignment with the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in July of 1993.

In 1996, Rear Adm. Driscoll reported once again to the "Gunslingers" of VFA-105 for a command tour. The squadron deployed aboard USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71) and participated in Operation *Deliberate Guard* over Bosnia and Operation *Southern Watch* in Iraq. Rear Adm. Driscoll's next assignment was the commanding officer and flight leader of the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (The Blue Angels) for the 1999 and 2000 show seasons.

In April of 2001, Rear Adm. Driscoll reported to Carrier Air Wing 5 based in Atsugi, Japan. During Operation *Enduring Freedom*, he led the TACAIR strike element aboard the USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63), which served as an Afloat Forward Staging Base during combat operations in Afghanistan. He deployed again in 2003 and led his air wing in combat during Operation *Iraqi Freedom*.

Rear Adm. Driscoll's OPNAV assignments include: Deputy Director, Deep Blue; EA to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information, Plans and Strategy; EA to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations and the Joint Chiefs Strategic Working Group.

Rear Adm. Driscoll is currently assigned to Multi-National Forces-Iraq, Strategic Communication Division as the Deputy Chief.

Personal awards include the Legion of Merit with two gold stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat V, two Bronze Stars, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He is a distinguished graduate of the Naval War College and holds a Masters degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.