



Lt. Paul Stevens, Bombing Squadron 104 - 1944

Paul F. Stevens, Captain, USN (Ret.)
 "Paul"

Date of Designation: 31 July 1941 NA # 8010

Dates of Active Duty: January 1941 - September 1965.

Total Flight Hours: 17,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 379

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 8,000 Prop: 9,000 VF/VA: 3,000 VR/VP: 6,000
 Other: 4000 hours (Civilian Corporate Jet: World Wide)

Combat Tours:

WW II: (Dec. 1941-Oct. 1943) Australia & New Guinea
 - 64 combat missions.
 WW II: (Nov. 1944-May 1945) SW Pacific
 - 50 combat missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VC-8 (AJ-1 aircraft), Apr. 1955 - Oct. 1955.
 CO, VAH-1 (A3D-1 aircraft), Nov. 1955 - Dec. 1956.
 CAG-12 (F8, F4, F3H, F3D, A3, A4, A1, F9F-8T and TF-1
 aircraft), Oct. 1961 - Feb. 1963.

Combat Awards:

Navy Cross
 2 Silver Stars
 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses
 2 Air Medals
 Presidential Unit Citation.

Duty Assignment Chronology

9/39-9/40 College Pilot Training, Primary and Advanced
 1/41-8/41 Aviation Cadet, NAS Pensacola, FL.
 9/41-3/42 VP-21, Pearl Harbor, HI.
 4/42-11/43 VP-101, Australia - New Guinea.
 12/43-5/44 Operational Training PB4Y-1, NAAS Camp
 Kearney, CA.



Enroute to Pensacola via the Tombigbee Waterway

6/44-10/44 Operational Training VPB-104, (NAAS
 Camp Kearney and Kanehoe).
 11/44-5/45 Combat from Morotai, Tacloban and Clark
 Field.
 7/45-7/46 Operations Officer, NAS Hutchinson, KS.
 8/46-6/47 Line School, Newport, RI.
 7/47-6/50 VR-1 and VR-3
 7/50-1/51 Test Pilot School, NATC Patuxent River, MD.
 2/51-8/52 Service Test, NATC Patuxent River, MD.
 8/52-6/53 Naval War College, Newport, RI.
 7/53-10/53 Heavy Attack Training Unit, Norfolk, VA.
 11/53-10/55 VC-8.
 11/55-12/56 VAH-1.
 1/57-9/58 Flight Test, NATC Patuxent River, MD.
 10/58-3/60 USS *Saratoga* (CVA-60), Ops and XO.
 3/60-9/61 OPNAV (OP-60) Pentagon, Washington, D. C.
 10/61-2/63 CAG-12, NAS Miramar, CA.
 3/63-3/64 USS *Procyon* (AF-61).
 4/64-9/65 Second Fleet Staff, Ops and Chief of Staff.
 9/65 Retired from active duty

Civilian Career

1965-1981 Corporate Aviation Chief Pilot.
 1982-1985 Token Aviator, Engineering Department,
 Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation.
 1986-1991 Corporate Aircraft Sales
 1992 - ???? RETIRED

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Dive bombed with PBY at night off Rabaul to score hits on a Cruiser and Destroyer.
- (2) Shot down six Japanese aircraft confirmed (got one by ramming). Destroyed six Japanese aircraft on the ground confirmed (these were much harder).
- (3) Destroyed one Maru transport with 2000 Japanese troops onboard. Several Naval Aviators "vacationing" on the Bondoc Peninsula, Philippines, witnessed this low level (50 feet) attack.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (4) Credited with downing Vice Admiral Yamagata and entire Staff, March 17, 1945, at Haimen, China.
- (5) Scored hits on Japanese Heavy Cruiser Ashigara off Mindoro Island, Philippines, December 26, 1944, individual attack in PB4Y-1.