



**Charles S. Abbot ADM USN (Ret)**  
 “Steve”

Date of Designation: February 4, 1972      NA#V-32321

Dates of Active Duty: June 1966 - November 2000

Total Flight Hours: 3,600

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 750

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,200 Prop: 400 VF/VA: 3,000  
 VS: 20 VT: 300

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: USS *Henry B. Wilson* (DDG-7) Nov. 1966-  
 May 1967,  
 VA-27, Jan.-Apr. 1973 (A-7E)  
 VA-27, Oct. 1974-Apr. 1975 (A-7E)  
 Iraq: USS *Theodore Roosevelt*, Jan.-Mar. 1991,  
 Total Combat Missions: 8 (A-7E)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-86, Jun. 1982 - Jun. 1983 (A-7E )  
 CO, USS *Caloosahatchee* (AO-98). Aug. 1987 - Feb. 1989  
 CO, USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN- 71) Feb. 1990 -  
 Aug. 1992  
 Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, May 1994 - Jul. 1995  
 Commander SIXTH Fleet/Commander Naval  
 Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe Jul. 1996  
 - Jul. 1998

Awards:

2 Defense Distinguished Service Medals  
 Distinguished Service Medal  
 Defense Superior Service Medal  
 4 Legion of Merit  
 Bronze Star Medal  
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
 3 Meritorious Service Medals



Awards continued:

Air Medal with Numeral “1”  
 Navy and Marine Commendation Medal with Combat “V”  
 and one Gold Star

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

6/62-6/66 U.S. Naval Academy, Midshipman.  
 6/66-9/66 Tartar Missile School, U.S. Naval Schools.  
 Command, Mare Island, Vallejo, CA DUINS.  
 9/66-9/67 USS *Henry B. Wilson* (DDG-7)(Missile  
 Officer).  
 9/67-7/70 New College, Oxford University, England  
 (Rhodes Scholar).  
 8/70-2/72 Flight Training Pensacola, Meridian,  
 Kingsville (T-34B, T-2A/B/C, TA-4).  
 2/72-12/72 VA-122, NAS Lemoore, Fleet Replacement  
 Pilot (A-7E).  
 1/73-7/75 VA-27 (A-7E).  
 7/75-7/76 USAF Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB  
 Exchange Pilot (T-38, T-1, F-4, KC-135,  
 A-7D, T-37, C-141, 737)  
 7/76-9/79 Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD  
 Project Test Pilot and Test Operations  
 Coordinator (A-7, TA-7, F-4, OV-10, T-  
 34C, F/A-18).  
 9/79-2/80 VA-174 Ready Replacement Pilot (A-7E).  
 2/80-5/81 VA-46 Operations Officer (A-7E ).  
 5/81-7/81 VA-174 Ready Replacement Pilot (A-7E).  
 7/81-6/82 XO, VA-86 (A-7E).  
 6/82-12/83 CO, VA-86 (A-7E).  
 6/83-12/83 Naval Nuclear Power School, NTC, Orlando,  
 FL.  
 12/83-6/84 Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit, Idaho  
 Falls, ID.  
 6/84-9/84 Naval Reactors, DOE, Washington, DC.  
 9/84-2/87 XO, USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN-71).  
 3/87-8/87 Surface Warfare Officers School Command  
 8/87-2/89 CO, USS *Caloosahatchee* (AO-98).

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### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

2/89-2/90 Commander, SECOND Fleet, Chief of Staff for Operations.  
2/90-8/92 CO, USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN-71).  
8/92-2/93 Office of CNO Director, Carrier & Air Station Programs Division (N885).  
2/93-5/94 Deputy Director for Operations (Current Operations) J-33, Joint Staff.  
5/94-7/95 Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN-71).  
7/95-7/96 U.S. European Command Director, J-3.  
7/96-7/98 Commander SIXTH Fleet/Commander Naval Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe.  
7/98-8/00 Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command.  
11/1/2000 Retired from active duty.  
11/00-9/01 Senior Fellow, Center for Naval Analysis.  
9/01-6/03 Deputy Homeland Security Advisor.  
6/03- President, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Evaluation flight of the YF-17, Sep 1976, Pax River  
F/A-18 Project Pilot, '77-'79, Pax River.
- (2) T-34C NPE Test Director, Wichita, KS, '78.
- (3) Commander, Operation Silver Wake, Non-combatant evacuation of Albania, 1997.