



John F. Calvert, RADM USN (Ret.)
 “Jack”

Date of Designation: October 1959

Dates of Active Duty: June 1958 - September 1992

Total Flight Hours: 4,337

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 700

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,920 Prop: 360 VF/VA: 3,870 Helo: 5

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-195 *Bon Homme Richard*, 1964

Vietnam: VA-195 *Bon Homme Richard*, 1965

Vietnam: VA-195 *Bon Homme Richard*, 1966

Vietnam: VA-27 USS *Enterprise*, 1971/1972

Vietnam: VA-22 USS *Coral Sea*, 1975

Total Combat Missions: 240 (A4 and A7)

Aviation Commands:

XO/CO VA-22, July 1973-February 1976

CO NAS Lemoore, February 1982-March 1984

Commander Naval Air Test Center October 1986-July 1988

Combat Awards:

17 Air Medals

3 Navy Commendations

Duty Assignment Chronology

6/58-11/59 Naval Air Training Command, Flight Student, (T-34, T-28, F-9).

11/59-7/61 ATU-212/VT-22 Naval Air Training Command, Instructor, (F-9).

7/61-7/63 U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. Aeronautical Engineering Student, (T-28, C-45, T-2).



- 7/63-11-63 VA-125, NAS Lemoore, CA, Replacement Pilot Training, (A-4)
- 11/63-6/66 VA-195, NAS Lemoore, CA. and USS *Bon Homme Richard*, Division Officer (A-4C).
- 7/66-11/66 VA-125, NAS Lemoore, CA. Instructor Pilot, (A-4).
- 11/66-1/70 Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD., Student at Test Pilot School and project pilot at Service Test, (numerous types and models).
- 2/70-6/70 VA-122, NAS Lemoore, CA., Replacement Pilot Training, (A-7).
- 6/70-5/72 VA-27, NAS Lemoore, CA. and USS *Enterprise*, Department Head, (A-7).
- 5/72-7/73 VA-122, NAS Lemoore, CA., Operations Officer, (A-7).
- 7/73-2/76 VA-22, NAS Lemoore, CA. and USS *Coral Sea*, XO/CO), (A-7).
- 2/76-1/79 Naval Air Systems Command. Washington, DC, A-7 Class Desk.
- 1/79-4/81 Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, DC, Test and Evaluation Action Officer.
- 4/81-2/82 Naval Air Systems Command, Washington, DC, Head Class Desk Officer.
- 2/82-3/84 Naval Air Station, Lemoore, CA., Commanding Officer, (UH-2).
- 3/84-10/86 Naval Air Systems Command, Washington, DC, Inspector General, Head Engineering.
- 10/86-7/88 Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD., Commander.
- 7/88-9/92 Naval Air Systems Command, Washington, DC, Head of Logistics, Program Executive Officer for Tactical Aircraft, Head of Logistics.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Flew over 4000 hours in forty some odd types and models.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (2) Flew close to 1,000 hours in the F-9 in 18 months as a "plowback" instructor. On one night VFR round robin a student became hypoxic until I coaxed him back onto oxygen and then home. All four students successfully recovered in deteriorating weather conditions. Scared the living daylights out of me.
- (3) Flew 240 Combat missions from the decks of USS *Bon Homme Richard*, USS *Enterprise*, and USS *Coral Sea*. During one period of combat made 25 straight night landings. It almost seemed routine, but not quite.
- (4) As CO of VA 22 was airborne when to US ambassador to Vietnam was evacuated from Saigon - saddest moment of my naval career. A month later was involved in Mayaguez incident. Learned to not take the first flight in such an incident. The XO got the second and the DFC.
- (5) Managed to survive an F-9 which caught on fire on the runway prior to takeoff when engine blew, an engine failure in an A-7 while strafing at China Lake (dead stuck into NAS China Lake), a one wheel up two down night barricade arrestment in an A-4 on USS *Bon Homme Richard*, and never had to eject.
- (6) Conducted engine out landings at Edwards AFB in A 7E.
- (7) May have spent more time in uniform at Naval Air Systems Command than any other officer. Highlight of the several NavAir tours was my two times as the head of Logistics and the low point the very short tour as the first Program Executive Officer for Tactical Aircraft which included the A-12.