



**Jay A. Campbell, RADM USN (Ret.)**  
 "Rabbit"

Date of Designation: 3 December 1968

Dates of Active Duty: 18 Aug 1967 - 31 January 2002  
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Total Flight Hours: 5,628

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,261

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,568 Prop: 150 VF/VA: 5,250 VT: 250  
 VS: 80 Other HS: 20

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-191, Jun. - Dec. 1970 USS *Oriskany* (F-8J)  
 VF-191, Jun. - Dec. 1971 USS *Oriskany* (F-8J)

Desert Storm: CAG-2, Jan. - Mar. 1991 USS *Ranger* (F-14A, A-6E, S-3B)

Total Combat Missions: 163

Vietnam: 140 (F-8J)  
 Desert Storm: 23 (F-14 A, A-6E)

Aviation Commands:

CO VF-2, Aug. 1985 - Jan. 1987 (F-14A)  
 CO VF-101, Aug. 1987 - Dec. 1988 (F-14A, F-14B)  
 Commander CVW-2, Feb. 1990 - Jul. 1991 (F-14, A-6, S-3, SH-3, EA-6B, E-2C)  
 Commander CARGRU 7, Feb. 1998 - Oct. 1999 (F/A-18C, S-3, SH-60)

Combat Awards:

Bronze Star w/Combat "V"  
 Air Medal, 5 Strike/Flight Air Medals  
 Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat "V"



**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 8/67-12/67 Flight Prep, SERE and Naval Air Primary Training Command, Pensacola, FL. (DUINS) (T-34B).
- 12/67-5/68 Jet Basic Training Command, NAS Meridian, MS (DUINS) (T-2A).
- 5/68-7/68 Air-to-Air Gunnery and CARQUAL, NAS Pensacola, FL (DUINS) (T2B).
- 7/68-12/68 Jet Advanced Training Command, NAS Chase Field, Beeville, TX (DUINS) (TF-9).
- 12/68-2/69 Operation Feedback-Recruiting NAS Los Alamitos, CA.
- 2/69-12/69 VF-124 Fleet Replacement Pilot, NAS Miramar, CA (F-8H/J).
- 12/69-1/72 VF-191 Legal/Avionics Officer/Aircraft Division Officer NAS Miramar, CA (F-8J).
- 1/72-9/72 VF-124 F-8 FRS(RAG), Avionics/Weapons Division Officer, NAS Miramar, CA (F-8H/J, A-4E Adversary).
- 9/72-5/74 VFP-63, F-8 FRS(RAG), Combat Training Officer, NAS Miramar, CA (F-8H/J, A-4E Adversary).
- 5/74-3/75 VF-124 Fleet Replacement Pilot NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A).
- 3/75-9/77 VF-14 Weapons Training Officer/Safety Officer, NAS Oceana, VA (F-14A).
- 9/77-4/80 VX-4 Operational Test Director, NAS Pt. Mugu, CA (F-14A, F-4J, TA-4, C-1/US-2).
- 4/80-10/80 VF-124 Fleet Replacement Pilot, NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A).
- 10/80-4/82 VF-213 Maintenance/Operations Officer, NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A).
- 4/82-11/83 Navy Fighter Weapons School, "Top Gun", XO, NAS Miramar, CA (F-5E/F, T-38, A-4E/F).
- 11/83-3/84 VF-124 Fleet Replacement Pilot, NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A).
- 3/84-8/85 VF-2 XO, NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A).
- 8/85-1/87 VF-2 CO, NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A).

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## Duty Assignment Chronology continued



1/87-8/87 NAVAIRPAC Fighter Training/Readiness Officer and Air Target Officer, (DIFOPS) (F-14A).  
8/87-12/88 VF-101 CO, NAS Oceana, VA (F-14A/B).  
12/88-2/90 COMNAVAIRPAC (DIFOPS) (F-14A).  
2/90-7/91 COMCAW-2, NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A, A-6E, S-3A, SH-3, EA-6B, E-2C).  
7/91-6/92 Industrial College of the Armed Forces (DUINS).  
6/92-12/93 Commander, SIXTH Fleet, Chief of Staff. Gaeta, Italy  
12/93-6/95 Office of the CNO, Executive Assistant to DCNO, Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments (OPNAV N-8) The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.  
6/95-1/98 U.S. European Command Deputy Director, Plans and Policy, J-5, Stuttgart, Germany.  
1/98-2/00 Commander, Carrier Group SEVEN, USS *Nimitz* (CVN-68), USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN-74), NAS North Island, CA (F-18C, S-3B, SH-60).  
2/00-1/02 U.S. Central Command, Director, Plans and Policy, J-5, Tampa, FL.  
1/02 Retired from active duty.

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

- (1) 1975/77 - Top Hook Award USS *Kennedy* during first operational deployment of F-14 from the East Coast to the Mediterranean Sea and North Atlantic.
- (2) 1980 - Developed Tactics and procedures, then conducted first Operational Test firing of a Phoenix (AIM-54) versus a low altitude, anti-ship cruise missile.
- (3) 1983 - Participated in the evaluation and effectiveness study of F-16 as the next generation Adversary Aircraft for TOPGUN, Navy Fighter Weapons School.

- (4) 1985/86 - Top Hook Award USS *Ranger*. Refined long-range, sustained Air Defense Tactic conducted in total EMCON, and executed in NORPAC transit to the Sea of Japan.
- (5) Jul. 1989 - Achieved 3000 hours in the F-14 and 1000 carrier landings during night CARQUAL on the same flight.
- (6) 1991 - Led the first Air Wing 2 Strike in Desert Storm during the pre-dawn hours of 17 Jan 91. USS *Ranger* (CV-61)/CVW-2 operated as the Night Carrier/Air Wing, flew 19 consecutive night combat missions, culminating in night traps. Devised and flew tank/artillery hunter-killer tactic to combine use of mixed load CBU/LGB to maximize lethality of missions assigned to Kill Boxes.
- (7) 1991 - Tailhooker of the year as CAG-2 during Desert Storm.
- (8) 1997 - Flew with Slovakian Air Force Chief in MIG-29.
- (9) 2003 - Elected to Tailhook Association Board of Directors -- 2004 Selected as Chairman of the Board.