



W. Lewis Chatham, RADM USN (Ret.)
 "Lew"

Date of Designation: 23 October 1957 NA# V-12861

Dates of Active Duty: June 1956 - June 1987

Total Flight Hours: 5,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,100

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,700 Prop: 300 VF/VA: 4,700
 VS: 100 VT: 200

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-216, 1964-1965, USS *Hancock* (A-4)
 VA-216, 1965-1966 USS *Hancock* (A-4)
 VA-56, 1971, USS *Midway* (A-7)
 VA-56, 1972-1973, USS *Midway* (A-7)

Total Combat Missions: 366 (A-4/A-7)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-56, Aug. 1972 - Aug. 1973 (A-7)
 Commander CVW-5, Jul. 1974 - Oct. 1975, USS *Midway*
 (A-7, F-4, A-6)
 CO, USS *Hassayampa*, Feb. 1976 - Jan. 1978
 CO, USS *Kitty Hawk*, Jun. 1978 - Feb. 1980 (A-7)
 Commander Carrier Group SIX, Sep. 1981 - Jul. 1983 (A-7,
 S-3)
 CTF 70/77 and CARGRU 5, Feb. 1985 - Jul. 1986 (A-7)

Awards:

6 Legion of Merit
 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses
 1 Bronze Star
 1 Meritorious Service Medal
 12 Air Medals (Individual)
 35 Air Medals (Strike/Flight)
 4 Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V"
 1 Navy Achievement Medal



Duty Assignment Chronology

6/56-7/56 NAS New Orleans, LA.
 7/56-5/57 NAS Pensacola, FL DUIN
 5/57-10/57 NAAS Chase Field, Beeville, TX (T-34, T-28,
 TV-2, F9F).
 10/57-12/57 Fleet Airborne Electronics Training Unit,
 Pacific DUIN.
 12/57-8/59 VF-141 (F4D).
 8/59-3/60 VA-126 (FJ-4, A-4).
 3/60-12/60 VA-112 (A-4).
 12/60-12/63 Blue Angels, NAS Pensacola, FL. Admin Off.,
 Demonstration Pilot, First LT (F-11).
 12/63-6/64 VA-125, NAS Lemoore, RAG pilot (A-4).
 6/64-7/66 VA-216, Admin Off., Ops. Off. (A-4).
 7/66-3/67 VA-125, Combat Flight Instructor (A-4).
 3/67-2/68 USS *Oriskany* (CVS 34), Asst Strike Ops Off.
 2/68-9/69 VA-122, Flight Instructor, Asst Ops. Off. (A-7)
 9/69-8/71 Office of CNO, Flag Plot Branch Head, CNO
 Operations Briefers (S-2).
 8/71-8/73 CO, VA-56 (A-7).
 8/73-2/74 Light Attack Wing Pacific Fleet Project Off.
 (A-7).
 2/74-5/74 Fighter Squadron 121 DUIN (F-4).
 5/74-6/74 VA-122 RAG Pilot (A-7).
 7/74-10/75 Commander, Attack Carrier Air Wing FIVE
 (A-7, F-4, A-6).
 10/75-1/76 Commander U. S. Naval Forces Yokosuka,
 Japan Special Projects Officer.
 2/76-1/78 USS *Hassayampa* (AO-145).
 1/78-6/78 Naval Reactor Facility, Idaho Falls, ID. DUIN
 Senior Officers Ship Readiness Course.
 6/78-2/80 CO, USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63).
 3/80-10/81 Commander SEVENTH Fleet, Chief of Staff.
 10/81-8/83 Commander, Carrier Group SIX.
 8/83-1/85 CINCPAC Deputy C/S for Operations & Plans.
 1/85-7/86 Commander, Carrier Group FIVE,
 Commander, Task Force 70/77.
 7/86-5/87 Office of CNO Director, Strike and
 Amphibious Warfare Div (OP 954)
 1 June 1987 Retired from active duty. (- continued -)

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) First jet centurion on USS *Ranger* flying F4D-1 Skyray.
- (2) During CO tour, USS *Kitty Hawk* awarded Battle "E", Ney, and Golden Anchor.
- (3) As COMCARGRU SIX, made 3 Battle Group transits of the Suez Canal.