



Joseph J. Dantone, RADM USN (Ret.)
 “Jack”

Date of Designation: September 24, 1965

Active Duty: June 1964 – June 1998

Total Flight Hours: 3,054

Carrier/Shipboard Landings: Fixed Wing: 981 Rotary: 20

Approx. Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,900 VF/VA: 2,880 Prop: 150
 VS: 20 VT: 294

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-161, Aug. 1967-Jan. 1968
 VF-161, Oct. 1968-Apr. 1969
 Vietnam: Apr. 1975, Saigon Evacuation
 Total Combat Missions: 150

Aviation Commands:

VF-14, Mar. 1979 - Dec. 1980
 USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN-72), 1987-88
 USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN-69), 1989-90
 COM/CARGRU THREE, 1993-94

Combat Awards:

Air Medal 10 Single Mission/Strike Flight Awards
 NAM (with Combat "V")

Duty Assignment Chronology

7/64-9/65 Flight Training (T-34B, T-28, F-9, F-11).
 10/65-3/66 F-4 RAG-VF 101/VA 43 (F-4A/B, TA-4).
 3/66-2/67 VF 84 Line DivO, Mat'l (F-4B).
 3/67-7/69 VF 161 NATOPS, Airframes (F4-B).
 9/69-6/72 NPS Monterey MS Aero, MS Mgt (T-1).
 7/72-4/76 F-14 Fleet Intro Cadre/VF-1 Quality
 Assurance Officer, Maintenance Officer,
 Operations Officer (F-14A).



5/76-7/77 F-14 Program Office (PMA 241) NAVAIR
 Logistics and Training (T-28B).
 8/77-12/80 VF 14 "Tophatters" XO/CO (F-14A).
 1/81-10/82 AIRANT Fighter Desk/ Nuclear Power
 Training.
 1/83-7/85 USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65), Executive Officer.
 1/86-3/87 USS *Wichita* (AOR 1).
 4/87-10/87 NAVSEA 08 Senior Nuc Training/Prototype.
 10/87-9/88 USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72),
 CO Precommissioning Unit/VF-101 FRS
 Instructor part time. (F-14 B/D).
 9/88-9/90 USS *Dwight D Eisenhower* (CVN 69), CO
 (F-14B, S-3B, SH-60, F/A 19D).
 11/903/92 OPNAV (OP-81), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
 4/92-3/94 Commander, Carrier Group Three. *Abraham
 Lincoln* Battle Group. (F-14 D, S-3B, SH-60).
 4/94-3/96 National Reconnaissance Office Military
 Deputy.
 4/96-3/98 National Geospatial-Intelligence Office
 Director of start-up and operations

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Designated a Naval Aviator September, 1965.
- (2) Combat tours from USS *Coral Sea* (CVA-43) in the Phantom II.
- (3) F-14 Fleet Introduction Cadre.
- (4) First F-14 barricade landing.
- (5) Support of Saigon evacuation flying Tomcat.
- (6) Command of the VF 14 Tophatters (Extended).
- (7) Nuclear Power selection and training.
- (8) Command of Wichita (AOR 1). The “Wicked Witch of the West”

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (9) Command of the Abe Lincoln Pre-Commissioning Unit.
- (10) One days notice to take command of and “get Ike Underway at 0730 tomorrow morning” and subsequent command tour in Ike.
- (11) Moving Ike from the Eastern Med, through the Suez and into the Red Sea to conduct flight operations over Kuwait in response to Irag’s invasion of Kuwait.
- (12) Tailhook ‘91.
- (13) Moving Abe Lincoln out of the Gulf to the coast of Somalia to support troops ashore in Mogodishu after the Blackhawk shutdown.
- (14) Standing up and directing the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency