



Henry T. Dodge, CAPT USN (Ret.)
 “Pedro”

Date of Designation: 18 March 1964

Dates of Active Duty: June 1962 - October 1967
 January 1968 - October 1968
 December 1970 - December 1972

Total Flight Hours: 2,046

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing:426

Approximate Flight Hours:
 Jet: 2,015 Prop: 31 VA: 1,726 VT: 320

Combat Tours:
 Vietnam: USS *Ranger* 9/64 – 4/65
 Vietnam: USS *Enterprise* 10/65 – 6/66
 Vietnam: USS *Hancock* 1/67 – 6-67
 Total Combat Missions: 218 (A4 Skyhawk)

Aviation Commands:
 CO, NAS Alameda Det 178 (XO) 10/79 – 10/80
 CO, NAS Lemoore Det 178 (CO) 10/80 – 10/81

Combat Awards:
 Distinguished Flying Crosses
 25 Air Medals ; 3 Individual and 22 Strike/Flight
 3 Navy Commendation Medals
 Vietnam Air Gallantry Cross

Duty Assignment Chronology

6/62-3/64 Training Command Pensacola, Meridian,
 Beeville; (T-34, T2J, F9, F-11).
 4/64-8/64 VA-125, NAS Lemoore, A4 RAG.
 9/64-10/67 VA-93, *Ranger/Enterprise/Hancock*, Weapons
 Training Officer (A4C/E/F).
 1/68-10/68 VA-831, NAS Floyd Bennett/NAS Cecil Field
 Operations Officer/Weapons Training Officer,
 (A4 A/B).



12/70-12/72 VA-45 NAS Cecil, Instructor/Operations
 Officer (TA4/A4L).
 1/73-3/85 NAS Twin Cities Reserves
 10/79-10/80 NAS Alameda Det. 178, Executive Officer.
 10/80-10/81 NAS Lemoore Det 178, Commanding Officer.
 5/85 Retired

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) I was one of the very few junior officers (LT) to lead an ALPHA strike into Route Package VI in North Vietnam.
- (2) In June 1971, after a mid-air collision on the West coast between a commercial airliner and a military jet, the Navy decided to cease most VFR flying. I was lead Coordinator creating an IFR system for all COMFAIRJAX flying.
- (3) In July 1972, due to a second catastrophic fire on *Forrestal*, she was unable to make her Mediterranean commitment. VA-45 Commanding Officer (via COMNAVAIRLANT) tasked me with creating from scratch a complete twelve aircraft squadron that would be nuclear, attack, and fighter capable to deploy to the Mediterranean on *Intrepid*. Starting with no pilots and no planes, the squadron (VA-45, DET 1) was able to deploy in less than four months.
- (4) When USS *Pueblo* was captured in January 1968, I was recalled to active duty. As the junior officer (LT) of twenty pilots in VA-831 at NAS New York and NAS Cecil, I was appointed Operations Officer due to combat experience.

Post Military Aviation Highlights:

- (1) Flew thirty-two years as an airline pilot for Northwest Airlines, flying B-727, B-707, B-757, DC-10, B-747.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (2) I was elected three times as Chairman of the Master Executive Council of the Northwest Airlines pilot's Union.
- (3) I served as a National Executive Vice President of the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) from 1994- 1998.
- (4) I served as Regional Vice President for the North Pacific for the International Federation of Air Line Pilots (IFALPA) from 1998-2000.