



**Larry Ernst, Captain USN (Ret.)**  
 "Pappy"

Date of Designation: August 1967

Dates of Active Duty: June 1966 - July 1993.

Total Flight Hours: 4,616

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 658 Rotary: 28

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,200 Prop: 300 VF: 3,500

Rotary: 100 VT: 300

Combat Tours:

Vietnam Vietnam, VF-114, Feb 1968-Jun 1970

Total Combat Missions: 136

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-211, Feb. 1982 - Jul. 1983

CO, VF-101, Jul. 1984 - Oct. 1985

CO, USS *Milwaukee*, AOR-2, Sep. 1989 - Jan. 1991

CO, USS *Midway*, CV-41, Jun. 1991 - Apr. 1992

Combat Awards:

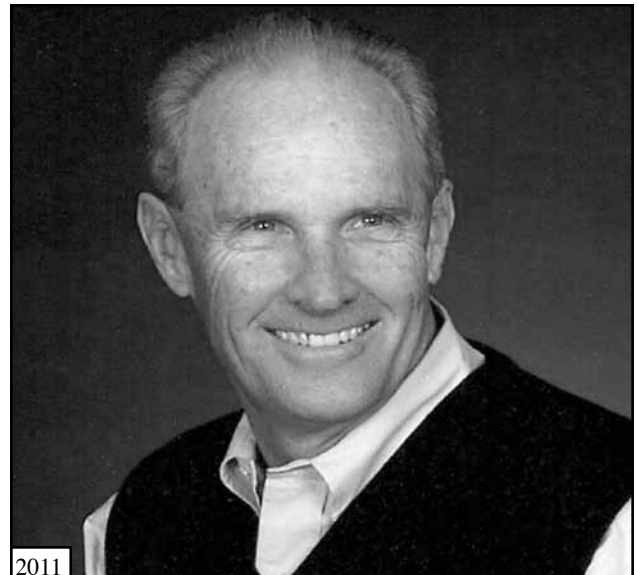
Presidential Unit Citation

6 Air Medals (Strike Flight)

Navy Commendation Medal (2) with Combat "V"

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

6/66-8/67 Flight Training (T-34, T-2, TF-9).  
 9/67-2/68 VF-121, RAG Training (F-4B, F4-J, TA-4J).  
 2/68-6/70 VF-114, USS *Kitty Hawk* (CVA-63) (F4-B/J)  
 7/70-6/71 USN Test Pilot School, NAS Patuxent River, MD (Fleet AC).  
 6/71-12/72 Flying Qualities & Performance Test Pilot, Patuxent River, MD. (A-4, F-8, F-4, OV-10, NU-1B, T-28, AH-1, C-1, P-3, A-3, RA-5C, B-26, P-2H, T1, UH-1, H-46, S-2, T-38, E-1, U-6, X-26, T-2,H-13).



12/72-1/75 Tutor, Empire Test Pilot School, UK (Lightning Canberra, Jet Provost, Chipmunk, Basset, Argosy, Hunter, Twin Pioneer, Seedberg, Andover, Mirage-3, Nord-262, Puma, Scout, K-6, T-22, F-15, Beaver, Harvard, Gnat, Wessex, Harrier)  
 1/75-8/77 VF-111, Operations/Maintenance (F4-N).  
 8/77-3/80 TOP GUN Operations Officer/XO (F-5, A-4, T-38).  
 3/80-9/80 VF-124 (RAG) Student (F-14).  
 10/80-7/83 VF-211, XO/CO (F-14).  
 7/83-7/84 National War College, Washington, D.C Graduate.  
 7/84-10/85 VF-101, RAG, CO (F-14).  
 10/85-3/86 Shipboard Training, Newport, RI.  
 3/86-10/87 USS *Constellation* (CV-64), XO.  
 11/87-3/89 Special Assistant OP-09, Washington, D.C.  
 3/89-5/89 Harvard University, SONS Program.  
 5/89-9/89 Shipboard Training, Newport, RI.  
 9/89-1/91 USS *Milwaukee* (AOR-2), CO (H-46).  
 1/91-5/91 COMNAVAIRLANT, Operations Officer.  
 5/91-6/91 VFA-106, RAG Training (F-18).  
 6/91-4/92 USS *Midway* (CV-41), CO (F-18, SH-3).  
 4/92-7/93 CINCPACFLT, Operations Officer.

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

- (1) VADM James Stockdale Leadership as Commanding Officer of VF-101.
- (2) TOPGUN Graduate.
- (3) USN Test Pilot School Graduate.
- (4) Tutor Empire Test Pilot School, UK.
- (5) Three year Top Gun Instructor.
- (6) All the operational fighter squadrons I served in all received the Battle Efficiency Excellence Award (E).

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### Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (7) As CO, VF-211 won the E, S, Golden Anchor and Clifton Award for best Fighter Squadron.
- (8) As XO, CV-63 won E, Six (6) departmental E's and the Golden Anchor Award.
- (9) In four (4) Command Tours never lost a man to an operational accident.
- (10) My landings equal my takeoffs. I brought back every airplane I flew - safely.
- (11) Graduate of the National War College.
- (12) Graduate of the Harvard SONS program.

### Post-Navy and Personal

- Married to wife Bobbie since 1965. Two daughters Jackie born 1966 and Jenni born 1968.
- Four grand kids Sara born 1992, Scott born 1997, Blake born 1998, Tyler born 1999.
- 1993-1994 Vice President of Operations, Munchkin Bottling Inc, LA, CA.
- 1994-1999 Business Development Manager, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, maker of the Predator UAV, San Diego, CA.
- 1999-2003 Vice President Integrated Systems, Avnet Computer Systems, Phoenix, AZ.
- Currently retired and living in Rio Verde, AZ.