



Dad pinning on my wings - 1966

Kent Walker Ewing, Captain, USN (Ret.)
 "Eagle (Two)"

Date of Designation: August 23, 1966

Dates of Active Duty: June 1965 - July 1993

Total Flight Hours: 6,000 USN / 9,000 Post Military

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,120 on 18 Carriers

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,500 Prop: 5,500 VF/VA: 4,500 VT: 1,500

Other: Turboprop 1,400

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-164, USS *Hancock*/CVW-21, Sep. 1969-Mar. 1970 (65 combat missions)

Vietnam: VA-164, USS *Hancock*, Nov. 1970-Jun. 1971 (154 combat missions)

Desert Storm: CO, USS *America* (CVA 66) Feb. 1991-Mar. 1991 (2 combat missions)

Total: 220 combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-66, 1980-1982, USS *Dwight.D. Eisenhower* (A-7E) CVW-17, USS *Saratoga*, 1984 - 1985

CO, USS *Sylvania* (AFS-2), 1987 - 1989

CO, USS *America* (CVA-66), 1991 - 1992

Combat Awards:

Bronze Star

15 Air Medals (Strike/Flight)

3 Navy Commendation with combat "V"

Duty Assignment Chronology

1965-1966 Naval Aviation Training Command, Saufley Field, Whiting Field, Corpus Christi, TX.

1966-1967 VT-3, Sergrad.

1968 VRC-30, C-1 Pilot/Landing Signal Officer.



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- 1968-69 VA-125 Fleet Replacement Pilot, NAS Lemoore, CA.
- 1969-1972 VA-164, NAS Lemoore/ USS *Hancock*, Admin/Airframes/Maintenance Officer Special project for Laser Spot tracker.
- 1972-1973 NAS Pt. Mugu, CA/Naval Missile Center, Laser Projects, (A-4, A-7, A-6, OV-10).
- 1973-1976 NAS Patuxent River, MD. U. S. Naval Test Pilot School, Class 65.
- 1976 VA-174. Fleet Replacement Pilot.
- 1977-1979 VA-86, USS *Nimitz*, Department Head.
- 1979-1982 XO/CO, VA-66, USS *Eisenhower*.
- 1982-1984 Commander Sixth Fleet Staff, Air Operations TAD to CINCUNAVEUR Staff.
- 1984-1985 Commander, CVW17, USS *Saratoga*.
- 1986-1988 Pentagon, Washington, D. C. SECNAV, Office of Program Appraisal.
- 1988-1989 CO, USS *Sylvania* (AFS2).
- 1989-1991 COMNAVAIRLANT Staff, Readiness.
- 1991-1992 CO, USS *America* (CV-66).
- 1992-1993 OPNAV, Pentagon (OP-80).

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Laser Spot Tracker Project for 4 Skyhawk aircraft / VA-164.
- (2) Laser Designator and BullDog (Laser Guided Bullpup) Project, Pt. Mugu, CA.
- (3) U. S. Naval Test Pilot School, Class 65, NAS Patuxent, River, MD.
 - YT-34C Spin Trials Project Officer.
 - YA-7E Spin/Departure Evaluation Project Officer.
 - TAV-8A INSURV and Carrier Suitability Trials Made First Harrier Night Carrier Landing, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CV-42).
 - TA-4F High Angle of Attack/Departure Evaluation.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued:

- (4) CINCUSNAVEUR, Aviation advisor to ADM Crowe.
- (5) CVW-17 First Airwing to deploy to Strike Warfare/
NAS Fallon, NV.
- (6) Harvard Fellowship /JFK School, 1986.
- (7) CO, USS *America*....only CV to operate in Red Sea
and Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm/ 3
Suez Canal transits.
- (8) New York City Fleet Week/Marching with Cheney/
Powell/Swartzkopf/Arthur/and crew of USS *America*.

Post Military Aviation Highlights

President, Leitch Incorporated, a 10 year career in high definition TV. Flying Beech Barons and King Airs.

President, Beechcraft Professional Pilot Program.
Ground and flight instruction to owner/operators in Baron
and Bonanza aircraft.

Director of Flight Operations/Chief Pilot for Eclipse
Aviation Inc. Managed 35 pilots in flight test, sales/marketing,
and customer training.

Fleet Support Pilot for ATAC flying the Hawker Hunter aircraft.

Project Support Pilot for ATSI, flying the A-4F/TA-4F
aircraft/support for Boeing Italian Tanker Project/Wichita,
KS.

From July 7 to July 25, 2016, departing from Oshkosh,
Wisconsin, I flew around the world with 6 EPIC single
engine turboprop aircraft.

In 2017, I was nominated and later selected as a Fellow in
the Society of Experimental Test Pilots. I am honored to be
amongst the many giants in the test pilot world.