



**Thomas B. Hayward, Admiral, USN (Ret.)**  
"Tom"

Date of Designation: 26 July 1950 NA # T-803

Dates of Active Duty: September 1943 - 1 July 1982

Total Flight Hours: 4,600

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 450 (approx.)

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,400 Prop: 200 Helo: 10 VF/VA: 3,700  
VR/VP: 50 VS: 15

Combat Tours:

Korea: VF-51. Two cruises - 146 missions. Embarked in  
USS *Essex*, and later in USS *Valley Forge*.  
Vietnam: COMCVW-10, USS *Intrepid*, May 1966-Jul. 1966  
- 36 missions  
CO, USS *Graffias*, Aug. 1967 - Jul. 1968  
CO, USS *America*, Dec. 1969 - Oct. 1970

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-103, Dec. 1964 - Jun. 1965  
Commander, CVW-10, Jun. 1965 - Jun. 1966  
CO, USS *Graffias* (AF-29), Jul. 1967 - Jun. 1968  
CO, USS *America* (CVA-60), Dec. 1969 - Oct. 1970  
Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier/Commandant, 14th  
Naval District. ADDU as Commander Fleet Air,  
Hawaii, and Commander Manned Spacecraft Recovery  
Forces, Pacific, Nov. 1970 - Dec. 1971  
COMSEVENTHFLT, Jun. 1975 - Aug. 1976  
CINCPACFLT, Aug. 1976 - Jul. 1978  
CNO, Jul. 1978 - Jun. 1982

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross  
13 Air Medals  
3 Navy Commendation Medals



### Duty Assignment Chronology

Admiral Hayward was born in Glendale, California, on May 3, 1924, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Payson Hayward. A native Californian, Admiral Hayward attended Glendale Junior College and Occidental College at Los Angeles, and in 1943 was appointed a Naval Aviation Cadet in the V-5 Program of the U. S. Naval Reserve. He entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1944 on appointment from the State of California and upon graduation was commissioned Ensign in the U. S. Navy on June 6, 1947.

Following graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy, he served in the aircraft carrier USS *Antietam* until detached in September 1948 for flight training at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. Designated a Naval Aviator on July 26, 1950, he was assigned to Fighter Squadron FIFTY ONE. While with that squadron, he participated in combat operations in Korea, embarked in the carrier USS *Essex*, and later in USS *Valley Forge*.

In January 1954, he reported for test pilot training at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland, and upon completion of training remained there as a test pilot and project coordinator. He next attended the Aviation Safety Officers School at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles, after which he served with All Weather Fighter Squadron THREE. In August 1958 he reported for instruction at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and in December 1959, joined Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN as Executive Officer. In July 1961, he became Administrative Aide to the Secretary of the Navy.

He was next attached to Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED THREE in December 1963, serving as Executive Officer and later as Commanding Officer. In July 1965, he assumed command of Attack Carrier Air Wing TEN which was deployed to the Mediterranean aboard the carrier USS *Shangri La*, and later to Southeast Asia in the Vietnam conflict aboard the carrier USS *Intrepid*.

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### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

From August 1966 to August 1967, he was a student at the National War College in Washington, D.C., and in 1967 he received a Master of Science degree in International Affairs from George Washington University. He was next Commanding Officer of the USS *Graffias* (AF-29) operating off the coast of Vietnam. In August 1968, he reported as Executive Assistant and Aide to the Under Secretary of the Navy.

In December 1969 he assumed command of the attack carrier USS *America* (CVA-60), deploying to the Seventh Fleet as the Flagship of Commander Task Force SEVENTY SEVEN. Promoted to Rear Admiral in November 1970, he reported to Hawaii as Commander Sea Frontier and Commandant of the Fourteenth Naval District. He was assigned additional duty as Commander Fleet Air, Hawaii, and Commander Manned Spacecraft Recovery Forces, Pacific.

He became Director of the Office of Program Appraisal, Navy Department in December 1971, and on April 26, 1973, was promoted to Vice Admiral and reported as Director, Navy Program Planning in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

On June 14, 1975, he assumed command of the U. S. Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific and was embarked in the guided missile cruiser USS *Oklahoma City*. Promoted to the rank of Admiral, he assumed duties as Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet on August 12, 1976

Admiral Thomas B. Hayward became the 21st Chief of Naval Operations on July 1, 1978 and continued in this assignment until 30 June 1982. He retired from active duty on 1 July 1982.

Admiral Hayward's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star in lieu of a second award, Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with ten Gold Stars and Bronze Numeral 3, Navy Commendation Ribbon, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, China Service Medal with four stars, United Nations Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal with three stars. He also was awarded the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Army Level with Bronze Palm, Republic of Vietnam Presidential Citation, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, the Korean Order of National Security Merit r the Republic of China Order of Cloud and Banner Second Class with Grand Cordon, and the Japan Second Class Order of the Rising Sun.

### **Personal.**

He is married to the former Peggy Keating of Medford, Massachusetts. They have two daughters, Colleen and Cynthia.

Admiral Hayward is a member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.