



Jerry B. Houston, Captain, USN (Ret.)
"Devil"

Date of Designation: 20 September 1957 NA # T-6303

Dates of Active Duty: 6 June 1956 - 2 September 1960;
24 March 1964 - 29 September 1990

Total Flight Hours: 5,500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 840

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,200 Prop: 300 VF/VA: 3,200
VT: 2,000

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: 1966 - 1972 (F-8/F-4) - 361 combat missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-21, January 1975 - March 1976 (F-4J).
CO, VF-171, July 1977 - October 1978 (F-4J).

Combat Awards:

Silver Star
3 Air Medals (Individual)
25 Air Medals (Strike/Flight)

Duty Assignment Chronology

4/58-9/58 VF-173, NAS Jacksonville, FL. Safety Officer (FJ-3M).
3/59-9/60 VF-103, NAS Oceana, VA. Schedules Officer (F-8).
3/64-5/66 VT-9, NAS Meridian, MS. NATOPS Officer (T-2A).
11/66-7/68 VF-194, NAS Miramar, CA. Assistant Maintenance Officer/SWO (F-8E).
8/68-8/70 VF-124, NAS Miramar, CA. Tactics Officer (F-8).



8/70-6/72 VF-51, NAS Miramar, CA. Operations Officer (F-8J)/F-4B).
9/73-12/74 VF-121, NAS Miramar, CA. Safety Officer (F-4J).
1/75-4/76 Commanding Officer, VF-21, NAS Miramar, CA. (F-4J).
7/77-9/78 Commanding Officer, VF-171, NAS Oceana, VA. (F4J).

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 1972, MIG Kill (MIG-17).
- (2) 1973, Naval War College (Command & Staff).
- (3) 1977, Army War College.
- (4) 1978-1981, CTF-60 Operations Officer.
- (5) 1982-1983, CO, USS *Caloosahatchee* (AO-98).
- (6) 1983-1986, CINCUSNAVEUR, Operations Officer.
- (7) 1987-1990, U. S. Naval Attache, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Flying the C-12).

Family

Still happily married to Shirley after 42-years: two daughters, five grandchildren.

Good Deals

Member of 1956 Pensacola Goshawks football team; CO-captain of 1957 Navy Memphis Hellcats team.