



**R. Charles Schroeder Jr., Captain USN (Ret.)**  
"Flash"

Date of Designation: 27 April 1962 NA#V-18738

Dates of Active Duty: June 1960 - February 1988

Total Flight Hours: 4,875

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,013

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-194, USS *Bon Homme Richard* Apr. 65 - Jan. 66 (F-8E) 126 Combat Missions

Vietnam: VF-51, USS *Coral Sea*, Nov. 71 - Jun. 72 (F-4B) 164 Combat Missions

Total Combat Missions: 290

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-21 (F4J) USS *Ranger* (CV-61), Apr. 1976-Jul. 1977  
Commander Carrier Air Wing Two (CVW-2), USS *Ranger* (CV-61), Jul. 78-Oct. 79

CO, Air Test and Evaluation Four (VX-4), NAS PT Mugu CA., Jun. 81-Jan. 83

CO, USS *Sacramento* (AOE-1), Naval Shipyard Bremerton WA., Sep. 83-Feb. 85

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross

1 Air Medal Individual

19 Air Medals Strike/Flight Awards

2 Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V"

Non-Combat Awards:

Legion of Merit

2 Meritorious Service Medals

Navy Achievement Medal



**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 6/56-8/60 U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis MD.
- 8/60-4/62 NATC, NAS Pensacola Kingsville TX., Meridian MS., Beeville TX.
- 5/62-10/62 VF-124, NAS Miramar, Replacement Pilot Training.
- 11/62-1/66 VF-91/VF194, USS *Ranger*, USS *Bon Homme Richard*.
- 1/66-1/68 VF-124, NAS Miramar, CA. Flight Instructor (F8).
- 2/68-4/70 U. S. Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA. MSAE.
- 5/70-11/70 VF-124/VF-121, Miramar Replacement Pilot Training.
- 12/70-2/73 VF-51, USS *Coral Sea*. Maintenance Officer.
- 3/73-2/78 VF-121, Operations Officer.
- 2/78-7/78 CAG Training, VA-125, VA-145, VS-41.
- 7/78-10/79 Commander CVW-2 USS *Ranger*.
- 11/79-6/81 Office of the CNO, Deputy OP 962.
- 6/81-1/83 Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Four (VX-4), NAS Pt. Mugu, CA.
- 2/83-8/83 Senior Officer's Ship Material Readiness Course, Idaho Falls ID and Newport RI.
- 9/83-2/85 USS *Sacramento* (AOE-1), CO.
- 3/85-9/86 Commander Seventh Fleet N3 Operations Officer, Yokosuka, Japan.
- 9/86-2/88 Pacific Missile Test Center (PMTTC), Vice Commander.

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Awarded Top Gun honor; VF-194, F8 20K and 30K Air to Air Gunnery.
- (2) As Maintenance Officer, selected and configured 24 F4B's from storage in El Toro to successfully transition the USS *Coral Sea* Air Wing Fighter Squadrons from F8's to F4B's.

Summary of Significant Career Events continued:

- (3) VF-51: 2 MIG Engagements; 6 May and 10 May 72  
USS *Coral Sea*, was bridesmaid on both engagements.
- (4) Interviewed with RADM Rickover, 1974.
- (5) Co-Conducted VX-4/VX-5 Successful F/A-18  
Operational Evaluation.
- (6) Flew Evaluation Flights; F-14/D prototype, F-16/J-79  
and F-15B.
- (7) Day/Night Carrier Qualified in the F8, F4, A7E, A6E,  
S3A.
- (8) 1000th personal carrier landing USS Ranger July 1979

**Family**

Honored to be very happily married to Joyce for 47  
years: Son and daughter married with four grandsons.