



Charles J. Sweeney Jr., CDR, USN (Ret.)
 "Chuck"

Date of Designation: 26 March 1962 NA# V-18700

Dates of Active Duty: 10 April 1958 – 31 May 1980.

Total Flight Hours: 4,500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed Wing 757

Approximate Flight Hours: Jet 2,150 Prop 2,350

Combat Tours:

- Vietnam *USS Yorktown*, Gulf of Tonkin, VS-23
8 Aug – 18 Sep. 1964, 29 combat Missions
- Vietnam *USS Bon Homme Richard*, Gulf of Tonkin, VA-22
5 Aug – 7 Oct. 1969, 39 combat Missions
- Vietnam *USS Bon Homme Richard*, Gulf of Tonkin, VA-22
2 May – 20 Oct. 1970, 95 combat Missions
- Vietnam *USS Hancock*, Gulf of Tonkin, VA-212
31 Jul – 14 Sep. 1972, 58 combat Missions

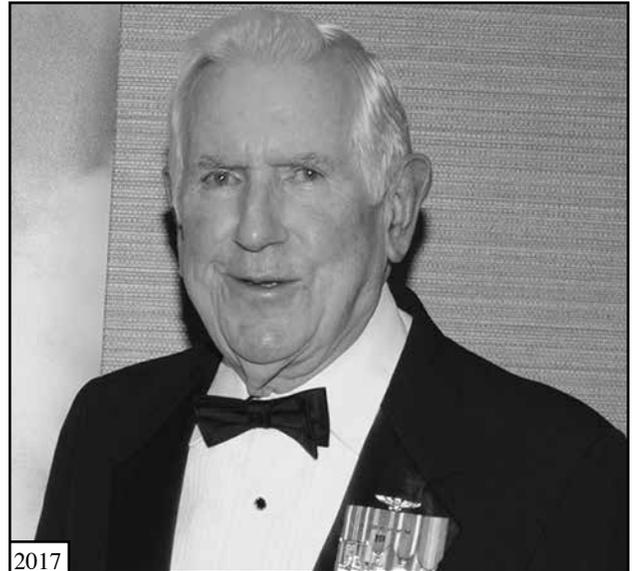
Total Combat Missions: 221

Combat Awards:

- 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses
- 4 Individual Air Medals
- 19 Strike/Flight Air Medals
- 2 Navy Commendation Medals with V

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 04/58-08/58 OCS, Newport, RI.
- 09/58-10/58 Aviation Ground Officer School, NAS Jacksonville, FL.
- 11/58-10/60 Electronic Test/Weapon System Test, NATC Patuxent River, MD. as an AEDO.
- 11/60-09/61 Basic Flight Training, Pensacola, FL. (T-34/28).
- 10/61-03/62 Adv Flight Training, New Iberia, LA. (S-2)



- 04/62-06/62 Naval School of Justice, Newport, RI.
- 06/62-11/62 VS-41, NAS North Island, CA. (S-2 RAG).
- 11/62-12/65 VS-23, NAS North Island, CA. and *USS Yorktown* (CVS 10) Deployed 11/62-05/63 and 10/64-05/65, S-2 Plane Cdr, Legal Off and Aviation Weps Officer.
- 12/65-09/68 NPGS, Monterey, CA. Student, received MS in Aeronautical Engineering.
- 10/68-12/68 VT-23, NAAS Kingsville, TX. jet transition TF-9J.
- 12/68-07/69 VA-125 (A-4 RAG), NAS Lemoore, CA.
- 07/69-01/71 VA-22, A-4F, NAS Lemoore, CA. and *USS Bon Homme Richard* (CVA-31), NATOPS/ Admin/Ops. Deployed 07/69-10/69 (must pumped out) and 04/70-11/70.
- 01/71-07/72 VA-127, A-4F RAG, NAS Lemoore, CA. Admin/Ops Officer.
- 07/72-05/74 VA- 212, A-4F, NAS Lemoore and *USS Hancock* (CVA-19) XO/Ops, Deployed 07/72 -10/72 (must pumped out) and 04/73-01/74.
- 06/74-04/76 COMNAVAIR PAC, Conventional Weapons Officer, flew TA-4s at NAS Miramar.
- 04/76-05/76 NUCWPNTRAGRUPAC, DUINS.
- 06/76-06/78 Strike Operations Officer, *USS Constellation* (CV-64), accident free deployment 04/77-11/77, flew C-1A while deployed and TA-4s at Miramar while in port.
- 06/78-06/80 COMNAVAIR PAC, Nuclear/Underwater Weapons Officer, flew TA-4s at NAS Miramar.
- 06/80 Retirement

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) As an O-1/2 at Pax River was Project Officer of the APN i30 navigation System for the HSS-2 Helicopter and also Project Officer for testing a NSA system (predecessor of the KY-28 encrypted voice comm system).

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-Summary of Significant Career Events continued-

(2) As the Av Weps Officer in VS-23 I was very involved with a successful weapons det in El Centro practicing firing various rocket pods and dropping conventional bombs.

(3) As the Ops officer in the A-4 RAG, led several weapons dets and CQ dets.

(4) When the XO of VA-212 went MIA, I was pulled from shore duty 1 ½ years early to replace him. I flew my first NVN mission the day after I landed on the *USS Hancock* which was 16 days after we were notified the XO was MIA. Eventually was awarded 3 DFCs in 7 days.

(5) Prior to having a Flag on board, scheduled numerous exercises not only for the *USS Constellation*, and CVW- 9 but also the surface ships working with us.

(6) Solved many conventional weapons problems plus implementing an extensive exercise torpedo program while also acting as the Chief Inspector of the Nuclear Weapons programs of CVAs and NASs.

(6) Joined the Distinguished Flying Cross Society as a member in 2001 and planned to stay that way but became VP of the San Diego Lindbergh Chapter and progressed upward. I became National President in 2009 and 2019 will be my 11th year. Our organization has expanded but still recruiting new members and reaching out to schools to educate the youth of America, on the values of courage, patriotism and character; those very characteristics upon which America was founded.

Summary of Significant Pre Career Events

(1) Employed as an Engineer in Ft. Worth on the USAF Atomic Powered Bomber Program testing electronic components for radiation damage and supported a highly modified B-36 flying with a nuclear reactor around west Texas.

(2) Supported design of large antenna system deployed to Turkey to monitor Soviet missile tests.

Summary of Significant Post Career Events

(1) Wrote an extensive report on solutions to reduce expensive exercise torpedo losses.

(2) Supported numerous USN/USAF cruise missile programs by providing Ops Analysis to show benefits of new guidance technologies. Also worked on proposals for new mission planning and targeting systems that primarily employed new technologies.

(3) Worked with NRO on implementing and enhancing real time information to the cockpit during actual combat ops in Kosovo.

(4) Supported the JSF program office trying to drive out the requirements for the RFP.

(5) Spent two years helping restore Ready Room 3 (A-1/A-4/A-7) on the *USS Midway* Museum.