



Joseph L. Coleman, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)
 “Joe”

Date of Designation: 31 December 1943 NA # C-13077

Dates of Active Duty: 26 August 1942 (NAVCAD)

Total Flight Hours: 3,200

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 550

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 400 Prop: 2,600 Rotary: 28 VF/VA: 2,800

Combat Tours:

WW II: VF-40, USS *Swanee* (CVE-27), Apr. 1944
 - Nov. 1945. Pacific - Philippines, Leyte, Borneo,
 Okinawa, Miyake, Ighihiki.

Vietnam: CO, USS *Mispillion* (AO-105), 1967 - 1968.
 Yankee Station.

Vietnam: CO, USS *Ranger* (CVA-61), 1970 - 1971.

Vietnam, Yankee Station and Korea.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-15

CO, VA-122

CO, USS *Mispillion* (AO-105)

CO, USS *Ranger* (CVA-61)

Commandant, 4th Naval District

Commander, Philadelphia Naval Base

Duty Assignment Chronology

8/42-12/43 Flight Training Program, Corpus Christi,
 Texas (N2S2 , SNJ).
 1/44-4/44 Operational Training, Lee Field, FL.
 (F4F/Bruster Buffalo).
 4/44-11/45 VF-40, USS *Swanee*, CVE-27 (F6F Hellcat)
 12/45-5/46 NAS Atlanta, GA. Public Relations/Opera-
 tions and INST.



5/46-3/48 NAS Corpus Christi, TX. Athletic Director.
 (F6F, PBY, SNJ).
 3/48-7/48 CIC School-Student. (SNJ).
 8/48-11/50 USS *Midway* (CVE-41), CIC Fighter Director
 1/50-9/51 George Washington University -Student.
 10/51-2/54 VF-32, Maintenance Officer/Division Leader
 (F9F-6/Banshee)
 2/54-9/54 General Line School-Student
 10/54-1/57 NAS Atlanta, GA. PIO/Instrument Instructor.
 1/57-6/57 Armed Forces Staff College (AFCS) - Student
 7/57-10/59 FADTC San Diego, CA. Training Officer.
 10/59-7/61 USS *Hornet* (CVS-12), Air Operations (T-28/
 SNB).
 8/61-6/62 Naval War College - Student.
 7/62-11/62 VA-44, RAG Training (AD-6/T-28)
 11/62-10/63 CO, VA-15 (AD-6/A-4).
 11/63-8/65 CO, VA-122.
 9/65-1/67 BUWEPS/NavAir, Program Director OV-10A
 1/67-8/67 George Washington University (B.S., Business
 Administration).
 9/67-10/68 CO, USS *Mispillion* (AD-105) (T-28/T-2).
 10/68-4/70 OPNAV (OP-35).
 6/70-9/71 CO, USS *Ranger* (CVA-61).
 9/71-12/72 CINCPACFLT Operations Officer.
 1/72-6/75 Commandant, 4th Naval District.
 1/72-6/95 Commander, Naval Base Philadelphia, PA.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Credit 2 air kills
- (2) Program Manager, all-service DoD Program - concept
 to first flight.
- (3) Survived carrier qualifications on USS *Sable* (on Great
 Lakes).