



C. H. Duerfeldt, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)
 “Dutch”

Date of Designation: 20 September 1929 NA # 3520

Dates of Active Duty: 6 June 1926 - 31 May 1964.

Total Flight Hours: 4,946

Carrier/Ship Landings: Rotary wing: 57

Approximate Flight Hours:
 Prop: 4,850 Helo: 57 VR/VP: 200

Combat Tours:

WW II: Combat tours consisted of being Executive Officer to five skippers. Between us we put one CVE and one CV in commission. Chased submarines in the Atlantic and Japs in the Pacific.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VO-1, USS *Arizona*, Jan. 1939 - Sep. 1940.
 CO, USS *Sicily* (CVE-118), Jun. 1949 - Jun. 1950.
 CO, USS *Tarawa* (CV-40), Jun. 1951 - Jun. 1952.
 Commander, Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD, Mar. 1954 - Jan. 1957.
 Commander, CARDIV TWO, Jan. 1957 - Jan. 1958.
 Chief of Naval Air Basic Training, Pensacola, FL., Jan. 1960 - Sep. 1961.
 Commander, Fleet Air Hawaii, Oct. 1961 - Jun. 1964.

Combat Awards:

2 Legions of Merit
 Bronze Star
 2 Presidential Unit Citations



Duty Assignment Chronology

6/26 Graduated U. S. Naval Academy June 6, 1926.
 6/26-9/26 Navy Rifle Team.
 9/26-6/27 USS *Nevada*.
 6/27-6/28 USS *Cleveland*.
 6/28-9/28 Navy Rifle Team.
 10/28-9/29 Flight training, Pensacola, FL.
 9/29-6/31 VF-6, USS *Saratoga*.
 6/31-6/33 Landing Signal Officer (LSO), USS *Saratoga*.
 6/33-6/34 Postgraduate School, Annapolis, Maryland.
 6/34-6/36 VP-7.
 6/36-9/38 NAS Anacostia (Flight Test), Washington, D.C.
 9/38-6/39 USS *Mississippi* (Senior Aviator).
 6/39-12/39 XO, Observation Squadron (VO-4), USS *West Virginia*.
 1/39-9/40 Commander, Observation Squadron ONE (VO-1), USS *Arizona*.
 3/41-6/41 Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas.
 6/42-7/43 XO, USS *Card*.
 7/43-9/44 XO, USS *Hornet* (CV-12).
 10/44-12/45 Staff, Commander Air Battle Force.
 1/46-4/49 Included temporary duty with JTF-7 and the National War College, Washington, D. C.
 6/49-6/50 CO, USS *Sicily* (CVE-118).
 6/50-6/51 Member Joint Staff, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D. C.
 6/51-6/52 CO, USS *Tarawa* (CV-40).
 6/52-3/54 Office of the CNO (OP-50B), Assistant Director, Aviation Plans Division.
 3/54-1/57 Commander, Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland.
 1/57-1/58 Commander Carrier Division TWO.
 3/58-12/60 Chief of Staff, CINCNELM.
 1/60-9/61 Chief of Naval Air Basic Training, Pensacola, Florida.
 10/61-6/64 Commander Fleet Air Hawaii/Commander Barrier Force Pacific.
 6/1/64 Retired from active duty.