



Simpson Evans Jr., Captain, USN (Ret.)
 “Simpson”

Date of Designation: 16 October 1943 NA # 7078

Dates of Active Duty: 16 August 1942 - 1 July 1974

Total Flight Hours: 6,000+

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 300+

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,500+ Prop: 3,500+

Combat Tours:

WW II: 10/44-7/45 USS *Bennington* (CV-20) WestPac
 CAG 1, VF-1 (F6F).

Korea: 9/50-10/51 Air Force Exchange Pilot assigned to
 Fourth Fighter Group, 336th Fighter Interceptor
 Squadron. Two (2) MIG-15 destroyed (F86-1).

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-127 RAG Squadron, 10/62 - 9/63

CO, NAF El Centro, 5/68-5/71

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross

Soldiers Medal

Air Medal with 2 Silver Stars and 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 7/42-12/42 Civilian Pilot Training at Fort Smith, AR.
 Cadet CUB
- 12/42-6/43 Preflight at Athens, GA. Student.
- 6/43-10/43 Pensacola (Corey Field) Cadet (SNJ/SNB).
- 10/43-12/43 NAS Melbourne FL. Operational Flight
 Training, Ensign. (F6F-2).
- 12/43-1/44 NAF Glenview, IL. Carrier qualification, USS
Sable (Paddle wheel carrier).
- 1/44-10/44 NAS Daytona Beach, FL. Operational Flight
 Instructor (F4F).



- 10/44-7/45 VF-1 on CV-20 in WesPac. Combat and air
 parade over USS *Missouri* with the signing of
 the peace treaty. Ensign.
- 12/45-2/47 NAS Corpus Christi, TX. Teaching South
 American students. (N2S, SNJ, SNB, PBY6A.
 A couple of the students later became dictator
 of their country. Ensign.
- 3/47- 6/49 CAG 11, Sqd. VF-12A on USS *Valley Forge*
 Ensign. (F8F-3)
- 6/48-12/48 Member of the first Navy Test Pilot Training
 Class. Flew several different aircraft at the
 Naval Air Test Center Patuxent River, MD.
 LTJG.
- 12/48-9/50 Duty at TACTEST Pax. River. Flew several
 different types of aircraft. LTJG.
- 9/50-10/51 Exchange Pilot with USAF 4th Fighter Group,
 336th Fighter Squadron. Flew F-86 in Korea.
 LT.
- 9/51-4/53 VX-3 NAS Atlantic City, NJ. Type Leader
 (F2H) LT.
- 4/53-6/55 Line School Monterey, CA. Student LT.
- 6/55-6/57 VF 82 aboard USS *Intrepid*. Med cruise (F2H)
 LCDR.
- 8/59-10/62 BuWepsRep St. Louis. Production Test F3H,
 F4H, and F101 at McDonnell. Aircraft Co.
 Flight Test Director. CDR.
- 10/62-9/63 CO, VA 127 RAG Instrument Training Sqd.
- 9/63-9/64 USS *Hornet* (CV-20) Operations Officer. TF-1.
 CDR.
- 9/64-5/68 Fleet Work Study Group Pacific. Developed
 the 3M (Material Maintenance Management)
 for ships and aircraft-PMS & MDCS. Also
 developed Personnel Manning Levels for
 ships. Captain.
- 5/68-5/71 CO, NAF El Centro, CA. Captain.
- 5/71- 7/74 CO, Naval Reserve Center Tulsa. Captain.
- 7/1/74 Retired from Navy.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Wingman to Leader of victory fly-over of USS *Missouri* during the surrender of the Japanese.
- (2) Member of the first Test Pilot Training School class at NATC Patuxent River, MD.
- (3) On board USS *Valley Forge*, CAG 11 (Sqd VF-12A). First aircraft carrier to go around the world in 1948. Went through both the Suez and the Panama Canals. Took eight months, could fly only four hours a month (on board a carrier??)
- (4) First jet flight P-80 on 28 Jan. 1948. NATC Patuxent River.
- (5) With the Air Force, had to eject over Japan from F86 after a midair (his fault) 1951. While in Korea destroyed 2 MIG-15s.
- (6) Mr. Arthur Godfery took me for a ride in his Navion.
- (7) During Preflight school at Athens U. of Georgia, was promoted to Cadet Battalion Commander.
- (8) Have flown 21 different types of aircraft.