



Wesley L. McDonald, Admiral, USN (Ret.)
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Date of Designation: 21 June 1950

Dates of Active Duty: 5 June 1946 - 1 December 1985

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: XO/CO, VA-56. Led initial strike on North Vietnam, USS *Ticonderoga*.

Vietnam: COMCVG-15, USS *Coral Sea* and USS *Constellation*.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-56, Mar. 1964-Mar. 1965

COMCVG-15, Jul. 1965-Jul. 1966

CO, USS *Hermitage* (LSD-34), Jul. 1969-Sep. 1970

CO, USS *Coral Sea* (CVA-34), Sep. 1970-Sep. 1971

COMCARDIV 3 (COMCARGRU 3), Sep 1972-Jan. 1974

Chief, Naval Air Training, May 1974 - August 1975

Combat Awards:

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses

Bronze Star Medal

4 Air Medals

Navy Unit Commendation with combat "V"

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 6/43-6/46 U. S. Naval Academy (Midshipman).
- 7/46-10/48 USS *Philippine Sea* (CVA-47). Operation HIGHJUMP, South Pole Expedition.
- 10/48-6/50 NAS Pensacola, FL. Flight training.
- 6/60-8/50 Jet Transitional Training Unit ONE.
- 8/50-11/50 Fighter Squadron ELEVEN. Assistant Maintenance Officer.
- 11/50-1/53 Fighter Squadron TWELVE. Material Officer, Assistant Maintenance Officer and Flight Commander. two Med deployments (F2B-2 Banshees).
- 1/53-3/54 SEVENTY-SECOND Fighter Bomber Squadron. USAF Exchange Duty, George Air Force Base, California (F86F Sabre).



- 3/54-6/57 ATU-200/ATU-212, NAS Kingsville, Texas. Safety, Asst. Training, Standardization Officer.
- 6/57-7/60 Naval War College, Newport, RI (Command and Staff Course).
- 7/60-8/62 Staff, COMCARDIV THREE, Aide and Flag Secretary.
- 8/62-1/63 VA-125, A-4 refresher training.
- 1/63-3/65 XO/CO, VA-56, USS *Ticonderoga*. Led initial strike on North Vietnam, Port of Vinh and flew cover for USS *Maddox* and USS *Turner Joy* on previous night.
- 3/65-7/65 Carrier Air Wing TWELVE, Operations Officer.
- 7/65-7/66 Commander, Attack Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN, USS *Coral Sea* and *Constellation* (Vietnam).
- 7/66-7/68 BUPERS, Aviation Commander Assignments Officer.
- 7/68-6/69 National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D. C. MS (International Affairs, GWU).
- 7/69-9/70 CO, USS *Hermitage* (LSD-34).
- 9/70-9/71 CO, USS *Coral Sea* (CVA-34).
- 10/71-9/72 Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District with ADDU from 7/72 as COMFAIRWHIDBEY.



9/72-1/74 Commander, Carrier Division THREE (later redesignated Carrier Strike Group THREE).

1/74-4/74 COMNAVAIRPAC Representative.
5/74-8/75 Chief of Naval Air Training, NAS Corpus
Christi, TX.
8/75-7/77 Deputy Chief BUPERS/CNO, Assistant DCNO
(Manpower) (OP-01B).
7/77-7/79 Commander SECOND Fleet.
7/79-10/82 CNO, DCNO, Air Warfare (OP-05).
10/82-10/85 Commander in Chief, Atlantic and Atlantic
Fleet /Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic
(SACLANT).
12/1/85 Retired from active duty