



**George C. Talley, Jr., Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)**  
 “George”

Date of Designation: October 1945

Dates of Active Duty: 9 June 1943 - 1 March 1975

Total Flight Hours: 4,500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 628

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,800 Prop: 1,700 VF/VA: 3,800  
 VT: 700

Combat Tours:

WW II: USS *Arkansas*, Jun. 1966 - Sep. 1944. Normandy Invasion, Southern France Invasion.

Korea: VF-11 (F2H-2 Banshee), USS *Kearsarge* (CVA-33), Sep. 1952 - Mar. 1953 - 60 combat missions.

Vietnam: CO, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42), Aug. 1966 - Jan. 1967.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-34, Oct. 1958 - Mar. 1960.

Commander, Carrier Air Group ONE, Oct. 1961 - Dec. 1962

CO, USS *Chilton* (APA-38), Jun. 1965 - Jun. 1966.

CO, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42), Aug. 1966 - Jan. 1967.

Commander, Carrier Division FOUR, Jul. 1970 - Jun. 1971.

Combat Awards:

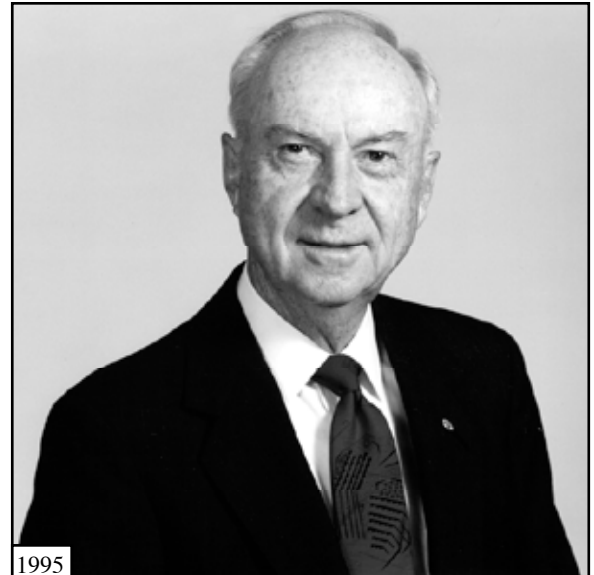
2 Legion of Merit with combat “V” (Vietnam)

3 Air Medals

WW II Victory Medal with combat stars

### Duty Assignment Chronology

- 6/40-6/43 Midshipman, U. S. Naval Academy.  
Commissioned Ensign, USN at graduation.
- 6/43-8/43 Aviation orientation at Florida air bases.



- 9/43-9/44 Junior Division Officer, USS *Arkansas*. (European combat theater).
- 10/44-4/46 Flight Training (Student).
- 5/46-5/48 VA-4B squadron pilot, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42).
- 6/48-2/51 Test Pilot, Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD.
- 3/51-7/53 VF-11 (F2H-2 Banshee), various CVA’s and Korean combat.
- 7/53-5/54 Naval War College, Newport, RI.
- 6/54-6/56 NROTC, Dartmouth College, Staff - Assistant Professor, Naval Science.
- 7/56-5/58 Staff, COMCARDIV SIX. Various CVA deployments.
- 6/58-9/58 Refresher training, NAS Jacksonville, FL.
- 10/58-3/60 CO, VA-34. Various deployments.
- 4/60-4/61 Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff (JSTPS), Offut AFB, Omaha, NE.
- 5/61-8/61 Refresher training, NAS Jacksonville, FL.
- 9/61-12/62 Commander Carrier Air Group ONE, USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65) and USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42). Various deployments.
- 1/63-5/65 Staff, COMOPTEVFOR, Norfolk, VA.
- 6/65-6/66 CO, USS *Chilton* (APA-38). Various deployments.
- 8/66-1/67 CO, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42) - Vietnam combat deployment.
- 2/67-6/70 Staff, OPNAV, Aviation Plans (OP-54) and Plans and Policy (OP-60B).
- 7/70-6/71 COMCARDIV FOUR. Various deployments.
- 7/71-5/72 Staff, OPNAV (OP-06B).
- 6/72-2/73 CINCPACFLT Staff (Deputy CINCPACFLT).
- 3/73-2/75 Staff, OPNAV (OP-06).
- 3/1/75 Retired from active duty.

### Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Member of Attack Squadron 4B, introducing the AD-1 into Navy squadrons.

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- (2) As a Test Pilot at NATC Pax River, 1948-51, flew 12 different VA and VF model aircraft including early jets. Developed armament systems/delivery tactics
- (3) As a pilot in VF-11, flew in Paris Air Show 7/1/51
- (4) As a pilot in VF-11, completed two Mediterranean deployments and a six month Korean combat tour, flying 60 air-to-ground attack missions.
- (5) Published Fighter Doctrine for jet VF, Atlantic Fleet.
- (6) As CAG-1, made first landing on USS *Enterprise*, our first nuclear powered CVA - then participated in *Enterprise* shakedown cruise.
- (7) Served in first JSTP Staff, Omaha, developing first all-service atomic strike plan.