



John Allen, CAPT, USN (Ret.)
 “Frog”

Date of Designation: 24 May 1963 NA# V-20275

Dates of Active Duty: September 5, 1958-November 1, 1988

Total Flight Hours: 5,461

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,033

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,106 Prop: 355 VF/VA: 4,556 VT: 290
 Other: 615

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: USS *Hancock* (CV-19), Feb. 1965-May 1965
 and Dec. 1965- May 1966
 POW: 02/65 - 02/73

Total Combat Missions: 129 (F-8s)

Commands:

O-in-C, VF-101 Det, Key West, July 1976-Dec. 1977
 CO, VF-33, June 1978-Dec 1979
 CO, Naval Air Station Oceana, June 1986-Sept. 1988

Combat Awards:

10 Air Medals
 Navy Commendation with Combat V

Duty Assignment Chronology

9/58-12/58 Boot Camp.
 12/58-6/59 NAS Pensacola, FL.
 6/59-3/60 TD (A) School, Millington, TN.
 3/60-11/61 FAETULANT, NAS Norfolk, VA.
 11/61-5/63 NavCad, Flight Training. (T-34B, T-2A, F-9, F-11).
 6/63-11/63 VF-124, Fleet Replacement Pilot, (TF-9, F-8A/B/C/D/E).



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11/63-10/66 VF-24, Line, Schedules, LSO, (F-8C), one deployment in USS *Midway* (CVA-41), two deployments in USS *Hancock* (CV-19).
 10/66-12/69 Blue Angels, Left Wing, Slot, Lead Solo, (F-11, F-4J).
 1/70-12/70 VF-201, LSO, PAO, (F-8K).
 1/71-8/71 VF-101, Fleet Replacement Pilot, (F-4B, F-4J)
 8/71-12/73 VF-14, Ops, Maintenance, (F-4B), two deployments in USS *John F Kennedy* (CV-67)
 1/74-6/76 VF-101, Admin, Maintenance, Instructor, (F-4J, F14A)
 6/76-12/77 VF-101/171 ACM DET Key West, FL, Officer-in-Charge, (F-4N, A-4E/T).
 1/78-6/78 VF-33, XO, (F-4J).
 6/78-12/79 VF-33, CO, (F-4J), worked up four carriers and then deployed in USS *Independence* (CV-62)
 1/80-10/81 COMFITWING One, Chief of Staff, (F-4J, F-14A, A-4E/T).
 10/81-11/83 USS *John F Kennedy* (CV-67), Operations Officer, (F-14A).
 11/83-6/85 COMNAVAIRLANT, Training Officer, (F-14A).
 6/85-6/86 OPNAV 954, Strike Warfare.
 6/86-9/88 NAS Oceana, VA, Commanding Officer, (F-14A/B, A-4E/T, C-12).
 11/88 Retired from active duty

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) As an Ensign, completed the F-8 replacement training syllabus and deployed in less than five months.
- (2) Made one deployment in Midway and two more in *Hancock* in 33 months. The two deployments in *Hancock* involved combat flights over North/South Vietnam. I was the junior pilot in VF-24 for two and one half deployments.

Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (3) Landed an F-8C on *Hancock* at night after experiencing an attitude instrument failure. No backup instrument in that airplane.
- (4) Fully qualified as LSO during first tour. Had orders to VF-124, F-8 RAG as an LSO, when selected for the Blue Angels.
- (5) Flew three different positions in three years on the Blue Angels. Left Wing and Slot in the F-11 (1967-1968), and Lead Solo in 1969, the first year we flew the F-4.
- (6) First pilot to perform the “dirty” roll on takeoff in the F-4.
- (7) First pilot to perform the outside one half Cuban eight in the F-4. It required pushing three and one half to four negative Gs.
- (8) Was deployed to the Med 19 months of the 28 months I was in VF-14. A member of the CVW-1 airshow team. Traveled to Greece and Italy to brief their Air Forces on war at sea.
- (9) Aided Admiral “Bad” Fred Lewis in establishing the F-14 Replacement Training Squadron at NAS Oceana.
- (10) As XO and CO of VF-33, worked up four carriers prior to working up and deploying in *Independence*. Had all five carrier’s names painted on the tail of my airplane.
- (11) As OPS officer in *John F Kennedy*, I remained current in the F-14 and flew with the air wing on work ups and deployment.
- (12) From the time I first flew the T-34 in flight training in 1962 until I retired, 1 Nov 1988, the only time I did not fly was during my one year tour in OPNAV.
- (13) After retirement from the Navy, I taught F-14 simulators at NAS Oceana for 13 years. I also flew Lear Jets for Flight International for three years.
- (14) During my retired life, I was elected to the Chesapeake, VA city council for a four term and appointed to fill a portion of another term.