



Harry T. Rittenour, RDML, USN, (Ret.)
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Hometown: Piketon, Ohio.

School and College Career:
 Piketon HS / US Naval Academy/UCLA MBA

Date Commissioned/Source:
 06/05/1968 US Naval Academy

Date of Designation: 11/14/1969 NA#V29149

Dates of Active Duty: 06/05/1968 to 02/01/1997

Total Flight Hours: 3470

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 731

Approximate Flight Hours:
 VF/VA/VX: 3470

Combat Tours:
 Vietnam:
 VA-215 06/71 to 11/71; CVA-34; A-7B 56 Combat missions
 VA-215 06/72 to 02/73; CVA-34; A-7B 148 Combat missions

Aviation Commands:
 CO, VA-192, 06/82 to 07/83, A7E
 CO, USS *LaSalle* 05/87 to 05/88
 CO, USS *Enterprise* 10/88 to 09/91, A7E

Awards:
 Defense Superior Service
 Legion of Merit - 3
 Air Medal with 16 Strike Flight numerals
 Navy Commendation with combat V
 Vietnam Gallantry Cross



Duty Assignment Chronology

- 09/68-11/69 Training Command Student, T-34, T-2. TA4J
- 01/70-06-70 VA-125, FRS Student; NAS Lemoore, A7-A, A-7B, TA-4
- 06/70-07/73 VA-215, Division Officer, WTO, NAS Lemoore, CVA-34, A-7B
- 07/73-03/76 VX-5, Project Officer, NAS China Lake, A-7B, A-7E, A-6E, US-2A
- 03/76-03/78 NROTC Unit UCLA, MBA Student, Los Angeles, CA
- 03/78-11/78 VA-122, FRS Student, NAS Lemoore, TA-4, A-7E
- 11/78-05/81 VA-56, Safety Officer, Maintenance Officer, USS *Midway*, CV-41, A-7E)
- 05/81-09/81 VA-122, FRS Student, NAS Lemoore, A-7E
- 09/81-06/82 VA-192, XO, NAS Lemoore, CV-66, A-7E
- 06/82-07/83 VA-192, CO, NAS Lemoore, CV-61, A-7E
- 07/83-01/85 Navy Nuclear Power School, Student, Washington, DC
- 01/85-02/87 USS *Enterprise*, CV-65, XO, NAS Alameda, A-7E
- 02/87-05/87 Senior Officers Ship Material Readiness Course (SOSMRC), Student, Newport, Rhode Island
- 05/87-05/88 USS *LaSalle*, AGF-3, CO, Bahrain
- 05/88-10/88 CO Pipeline, Student, NAS North Island
- 10/88-08/91 USS *Enterprise*, CV-65, CO, NAS Alameda, A-7E
- 08/91-11/93 J-5 Joint Staff, Division Director, Washington, DC
- 11/93-12/96 N88 OPNAV Staff, Head N885/889, Washington, DC

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) Recorded Top Ten landing grades at least once in each airwing where I was attached, LTJG to Commander. 1972 as LT: Designated Combat Division Leader.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued:

(2) VX-5: As Electronics Warfare Strike Tactics Officer was operational test director for the ALQ-130 communications jammer and ALE-41 chaff dispenser. Charged with preparation of test plans, tactics development, flying project flights, overseeing data analysis, final report preparation and fleet integration. Made significant contributions to comprehensive fleet-wide Advanced Evaluation Note on chaff deployment tactics. Provided operational input on the development of the Harm weapon system. A-6E Condor Weapon System project pilot.

(3) VA-192: Completed 10,000 accident-free flight hours, short notice transition to A-7E FLIR capability, Zero discrepancy NTPI, 100% second term retention.

(4) USS *LaSalle*: Combat operations in the Persian Gulf. Supported recovery of USS Stark following missile damage, supported capture and destruction of Iranian mine layer, supported re-flagged tanker operations. Successfully conducted 7000 nm independent steaming operation from Persian Gulf to Yokosuka, Japan for drydock availability.

(5) USS *Enterprise*: Successfully executed around the world deployment and homeport change with no personnel or aircraft losses. Received the 1989 Pac Fleet Marjory Sterrett Battleship Fund Award. Completed an Above Average Operational Reactors Safeguard Exam (ORSR). Transitioned USS *Enterprise* into a refueling, drydock availability. Achieved 78% second term and 88% career retention.

(6) J-5, Joint Staff. Received a letter of commendation from President George H. W. Bush for work in completing a treaty to ban the use of chemical weapons.

(7) N885/889, OP NAV Staff: Worked with various agencies to get funding approved for CV-76, USS *Ronald Reagan*. Supported source selection for the Joint Primary Aircraft Training System (JPATS).

Post Military Work

(1) 01/02/1997 Joined executive team of Michigan-based public technology company. 2008 – 2013 served as President and CEO.

(2) 2014 to Present: Volunteer Score business mentor. Upper SC Council Navy League.

Personal

(1) Married Kathleen 1974. 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren.

Association Membership Boards

(1) Tailhook Educational Foundation Board Member

(2) Upper South Carolina Council Navy League President/
Board Member