



Rodger L. Welch, Captain, USN (Ret.)
 “Crotch”

Hometowns: Kaneohe, HI & Coronado, CA

High School: Coronado High School, 1974

Dates on Active Duty: 07 JUN 1978-30 SEP 2008

Date Commissioned/Source: 1978 USNA

Date of Designation: 26 SEP 1980

Total Flight Hours: ~7,320 FA-18: 5,000+, ~2,320 all others

Carrier/Ship Landings: 1452 on 12 Carriers* + a handful of Rotary landings on CVN/ small decks

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 7,000+: A-4, A-7, F-14A/B+/D, F-16, FA-18A/B/C/D, A-6, EA-6B, S-3, T-2C, MIG-21 (Croatian), Hawker Hunter & Jaguar (Omani)

Prop: 250+: T-28, T-34, E-2C, P-3, O-2 ‘Duck’

Helo: 70: SH-60: 65, Mi-24 Hind (Croatian)

Combat/Support Tours:

SW Asia: OPs Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Provide Comfort, No. & So. Watch;

Balkans: OPs Allied Force

GWOT/ OP Enduring Freedom (OEF): Operation Noble Eagle

OEF-Philippines: USPACOM/USSOCPAC JTF-510/ JSOTF-P SpecOPs Combat Ops 2002-2008 at Camp Navarro, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Republic of the Philippines + Sulu Celebes Seas

Commands:

OIC: MCAS El Toro (NZJ) USN Personnel

SQUADRON CO: VFA25, NLC

WING COMMANDER: CVW17, NTU

DIRECTOR: JIACG/ CT, USPACOM



Awards:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion Of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal (3)

Air Medal with ‘V’ (5)

SFAM (8)

Navy Commendation Medal with ‘V’ (5)

National Defense Service Medal (4)

Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (11)

Duty Assignment Chronology

1974-1978	U.S. Naval Academy
1978-1980	VT-6, NPA; VT-26, & VT-25, NIR SNA TDY VS-33, NZY + VC-7, NKX
1981-1986	VA-122 A-7 FRS, VA-113/ CVW2, Fleet/ FRSJO CV61; VFA-113 LSO, CVW14 CV64; VFA-125 RAG IP, LSO, NLC
1987-1992	CVW8 LSO/ VFA-87 TNG + AOPS CAG LSO CVN71/ NTU/ NZC; Dept Head VFA-86, CVW1/ CV66/ NZC
1992-1994	Executive Officer VMFAT 101/ XO/ OIC MCAS El Toro (NZJ) USN Pers
1994-1996	VFA-25 XO/ CO, CVW14/ CVN70/ O5 Command NLC
1996-1998	NDU/ National War College OPNAV N83 Navy Pentagon Washington, D.C.
1999-2002	DCAG/CAG CVW17, CVN73 NTU O6 Command
2002-2008	Joint Interagency Coordination USPACOM Group for Combatting Terrorism Director (JIACG/ CT), Camp Smith, HI
30 SEP 2008	Retired from Active Duty

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) USNA 11th Company Commander 2 sets.
- (2) Post winging, LSO school @ NZC prior to VA-122.
- (3) VA-113 A-7E Section/ Division lead. Squadron LSO qualification CVW2, CV61.
- (4) In the first USN A-7E squadron (VA-113) to transition to FA-18s (VFA-113). 1 A-7 cruise CV61, ~2 FA-18 cruises CV64. CVW Strike lead as a LT. Assisted VX-4/ VX-5 in drafting FA-18 Tactical Manuals. Strike Fighter Weapons Employment School (SFWE), NLC. CVW14 HARM/EW/ECM SME & Strike Lead. AIRWING LSO qualified.
- (5) VFA-125, IP/ STAN/ Check-ride qual in every FRS Phase + PMCF. FA-18 Flight Demonstration pilot, ~11 airshows. Day/ Night Carrier Qualified 16 FRS classes (~150 students) on 7 different Carriers.
- (6) CSFWP's Fleet Project Team. Designed/ updated/ certified FA-18 Weapon Task Trainers (WTT 'Domes').
- (7) Graduated from the Navy Fighter Weapons School (NFWS; TOPGUN) @ NKX NOV 1986.
- (8) CVW8 senior CAG LSO/ Wing ASO. Assigned also as VFA-87 AOPS/ TNG @ NZC. Revised/ updated CVW8 TACNOTES. Cross trained in F-14A TOMCAT, flew with VF-41 & VF-84. ~2 CVW8 cruises on CVN71 including maiden Med cruise. AIRWING Strike Lead.
- (9) VFA-86 Department Head; 2 SW Asia Combat cruises on CV66; MO/ OPS Officer for Desert Storm; Revised/ updated CVW1 AIRWING TACNOTES in preparation for SWA combat. AIRWING Strike lead. Earned Carrier Conning Underway letter.
- (10) XO VMFAT-101 + OIC of US Navy personnel Detachment at MCAS El Toro, CA (NZJ).
- (11) XO/ CO VFA-25 at NLC, CA. ~2 CVW14 cruises on CV70. Earned CDO underway qualification. AIRWING Strike lead.
- (12) Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy at NDU's National War College. OPNAV N83, Fleet Liaison Officer for CINUSNAVEUR & CINCPACFLT.
- (13) CVW17 Command. ~2 CVN73 cruises supporting SW Asia & Balkans Combat Ops. Flew FA-18, F-14B+ day/ night + SH-60 as CAG.
- (14) USPACOM Director, Joint Interagency Coordination Group for Combating Terrorism (JIACG/ CT). Lead PACOM's 9 US Government Agency (USG) CT/ GWOT, Maritime Security & Humanitarian Assistance/ Disaster Response/ Relief efforts. Led or participated in 20+ USG

multi-agency delegations to ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) events. USG SME/ authority in Combating Terrorism, Maritime Security, Inter-Agency/ Cross-border cooperation & Humanitarian Assistance/ Disaster Response/ Relief.

- (15) First Military representative selected to attend FBI's Leadership in Counter-terrorism (LIN-CT) 4-week course held in Sydney, Australia, Honolulu, HI & the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA.
- (16) US Government Agency Letters of Commendation from the Departments of State & Treasury (DOS & DOT), Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), National Security Agency (NSA).
- (17) Awarded the Outstanding Achievement Medal (OAM) by the Secretary of Defense for the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (RP); 2nd highest award given to a non-RP citizen.

Summary of Post Military Work plus Personal Memberships, Associations, Boards

- (1) 1997-2008: Tailhook Association Board of Directors (BoD)
 - (2) 2007-2016: Tailhook Educational Foundation BoD
 - (3) 2016 -current: Executive Director, Coronado Surfing Association (CSA; 501C3).
 - (4) 2016- current: Executive Director, Tailhook Educational Foundation (TEF; 501C3).
 - (5) Life memberships: Tailhook Association, TOPGUN Association, A-7E Corsair II Association, TOMCAT Monument Foundation, VFA-25 Fist of the Fleet Association, DFC Society, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans, U.S. Naval Institute, USNA Alumni Association, National Rifle Association, U.S. Concealed & Carry Association, Legendary Surfers, Coronado Surfing Association. (CSA)
- * CV Landings on USS
- *Lexington* (CVS16)
 - *Coral Sea* (CV43)
 - *Ranger* (CV61)
 - *Kitty Hawk* (CV63)
 - *Constellation* (CV64)
 - *Enterprise* (CVN65)
 - *America* (CV66)
 - *J.F. Kennedy* (CV67)
 - *Nimitz* (CVN68)
 - *Carl Vinson* (CVN70)
 - *T. Roosevelt* (CVN71)