



Kent R Aitcheson, Capt. USN (Ret.)
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Hometown: Oakland, CA

High School and College Career:

West High School, Bremerton, WA (1976)
 Whitworth College, Spokane, WA (1983)
 Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA (1991)
 Naval War College, Newport, RI, (1997)

Dates on Active Duty: 06/11/83 – 08/01/11

Date Commissioned/Source: 09/29/83 AOCS

Date of Designation: 07/19/85

Total Flight Hours: 3530

Carrier/Ship Landings: 936 (360 night)

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3440 Prop: 90 VA/VFA: 3137 VT: 374

Combat tours:

Operation Earnest Will: VA-165, 03/03/87 – 3/27/87, Strait of Hormuz, A-6E
 Operation Southern Watch: VA-155, 09/16/92 – 12/02/92, Arabian Gulf, A-6E
 Operation Restore Hope: VA-155, 12/06/92 – 12/18/92, Somalia, A-6E
 N. Korea Nuclear Crisis: VA-52, 07/94 – 09/94, Korean Peninsula, A-6E
 Operation Southern Watch: VA-196, 08/01/96 – 09/25/96, Arabian Gulf, A-6E
 Operation Desert Strike: VA-196, 09/01/96, Arabian Gulf, A-6E
 Operation Southern Watch: VFA-195, 03/01/03 – 03/18/03, Arabian Gulf, F/A-18C
 Operation Iraqi Freedom: VFA-195, 03/20/03 – 04/14/03, Arabian Gulf, F/A-18C

Combat missions: 56 missions, A-6E Intruder
 20 missions, F/A-18C Hornet



Commands:

VFA-195, NAF Atsugi, Japan
 VX-9 Vampires, NAF China Lake, CA
 NROTC, University of Illinois

Awards:

Legion of Merit
 Bronze Star
 DMS
 MS
 Air Medal
 GWOT
 SWASM
 Navy/Armed Forces Expeditionary

Duty Assignment Chronology

01/84-07/85 VT-2/23/21, SNA, NAS Whiting/Kingsville, T34C, T2C, TA-4J
 08/86-03/89 VA-165, Comms/PAO/Aircraft Div, NAS Whidbey, A-6E
 04/89-09/91 Navy Postgraduate School, MS Aero Eng, Monterey, CA
 10/91-03/93 VA-155, QAO/Safety, NAS Whidbey, A-6E
 04/93-08/93 VA-145, Assist Op, NAS Whidbey, A-6E
 09/93-03/95 VA-52, Admin/Safety, NAS Whidbey, A-6E
 04/95-09/96 VA-196, Tactics/Ops, NAS Whidbey, A-6E
 10/96-11/97 Naval Warfare College, Newport, RI
 04/98-06/99 NAO, Ops Team/XO, Omaha, NE, E-4A
 07/99-12/99 VFA-106, Hornet transition, NAS Oceana, F/A-18A-D
 01/00-07/03 VFA-195, XO/CO, NAF Atsugi, F/A-18C
 08/03-04/05 Navy Personnel Command P433, Millington, TN
 04/05-07/08 VX-9, XO/CO, NAF China Lake, F/A-18E/F
 08/08-08/11 NROTC University of Illinois, CO, Champaign, IL

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Around-the-world cruise, escorted reflagged Kuwaiti tankers, Strait of Hormuz, Suez Canal transit
- (2) Authored point paper for A-6E/EA-6B ASUW tactic using AGM-88 HARM and AGM123 Skipper missiles
- (3) On-station carrier/airwing team for the 1988 Summer Olympics, Pusan, South Korea
- (4) Conducted CAS/road recce for Operation Restore Hope, Somalia
- (5) Performed fleet-assist operational test (OT) for AGM123 Skipper precision standoff missile
- (6) Supported proof-of-concept flights for real-time cockpit targeting data using Walleye AWW-9 datalink pod
- (7) Aviation Safety Officer (ASO) School graduate, ASO Certified
- (8) Info gathering junket with CVW-15 intel officer when deployment change from OSW to Korean peninsula
- (9) Coordinated with 7th Air Force to gather TTPs for operating in P518 airspace (DMZ), briefed airwing
- (10) CJCS operations as NAOC E-4A aircraft battle staff, transitioned command from CJCS to STRATCOM
- (11) Conducted operational test (OTE) as VX-9 with three CAT I programs in each OT phase simultaneously – FOTE (AESA radar), IOTE/OPEVAL (UH-1Y Huey/AH-1Z Cobra), DT assist with VX-31 (EA-18G Growler)

Summary of Post Military Work

- (1) 07/11 – 05/21: Project Manager, Coherent Technical Services Inc. (CTSi) supporting Naval Air Systems Command programs for UCAS-D/UCLASS/MQ-25, GPS relative navigation, landing system algorithm development, autonomous air refueling optical tracking system and LSO contributions to GPS landing system integrity.

Personal

- (1) Married to my college sweetheart Juli (1984). We have two great children, Robert (1986) and Erin (1990), both are outstanding citizens and patriots.

Associations/Membership/Boards:

- (1) Tailhook Association member since 1992