



John H. Fetterman, Jr., VADM, USN (Ret.)
 “Jack”

Date of Designation: 7 December 1956 NA # V-10779

Dates of Active Duty: 3 January 1955 - 1 July 1992

Total Flight Hours: 8,300

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 960

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,873 Prop: 3,227 - Military / 2,800 - Civilian

Helo: 80 VF/VA: 4,573 VS: 20

Combat Tours:

Embarked Air Task Group 201, 2 Feb. 1958 - 17 Nov. 1958, deployed with Sixth and Seventh Fleet, flew support in Lebanon and Formosa.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-87, Mar. 1972 - Mar. 1973, USS *Roosevelt*. (CVA-42)

CAG-8, Jul. 1975 - Aug. 1976, USS *Nimitz*. (CVN-68).

CO, USS *La Salle* (AGF-3), Aug. 1976 - Mar. 1978

COMNAVBASE Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Feb. 1979 - Jul. 1981

COMLATWING ONE, Jul. 1981 - Jul. 1983

COMTRALANT, Jul. 1983 - Aug. 1985

COMNAVAIRPAC, Aug. 1987 - Jan. 1991

Combat Awards:

Legion of Merit with Four Gold Stars (5 Awards)

Meritorious Service Medal

Navy Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Commendation

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Sea Service Deployment



Duty Assignment Chronology

1/55-5/55 OCS, Newport, RI (Officer Candidate).
 5/55-4/56 NADTC, Pensacola, FL (Flight Student).
 4/56-12/56 NAATC, CORPAC (Flight Student).
 12/56-12/58 VA-105 (Ordnance Officer/Material Officer/Flight Officer).
 12/58-10/59 Inactive Duty.
 10/59-9/62 FAETULANT DET TWO (Nuclear Weapons Inst.).
 9/62-11/62 VA-44 (Replacement Pilot).
 12/62-7/65 Carrier Air Wing Eight (Admin Officer/ Weapons Officer/Operations Officer).
 7/65-6/66 Naval War College (Student).
 6/66-11/66 VA-44 (Replacement Pilot).
 11/66-10/68 VA-81 (Maintenance Officer).
 10/68-3/71 VA-174 (Instructor Pilot/Enlisted Training/ Operations Officer).
 3/71-3/72 VA-87 (Executive Officer).
 3/72-3/73 VA-87 (Commanding Officer).
 3/73-2/75 Office of Legislative Affairs (U. S. Senate Liaison Officer).
 3/75-7/75 COMNAVAIRLANT (Precarrier Air Wing Training).
 7/75-8/76 Carrier Air Wing Eight (Air Wing Commander).
 8/76-3/78 USS *La Salle* (AGF-3) (Commanding Officer).
 3/78-2/79 OPNAV (Director, Saudi Arabian Naval Expansion Program).
 2/79-7/81 Guantanamo Bay (Commanding Officer/Naval Station, Commanding Officer/Naval Air Station/Commander, Naval Base).
 7/81-7/83 COMTACWINGSLANT (Commander).
 7/83-8/85 COMTRALANT (Commander).
 7/83-8/85 CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT (Readiness and Resource).
 8/85-11/85 Deputy CINCLANT/CINCLANTFLT.
 11/85-8/87 Navy Inspector General (OPNAV).
 8/87-1/91 Commander, U. S. Naval Air Forces Pacific.

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

2/91-7/92 Chief of Naval Education and Training.

7/1/92 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman, Jr., was born in Ashland, Pennsylvania on 4 August 1932. He began college at Susquehanna University, graduating from Albright College in 1954. He was commissioned an Ensign in 1955 and was designated a naval aviator in 1956.

His first operational tour was with Attack Squadron ONE ZERO FIVE at Cecil Field, Florida. Flying A-1H Skyraiders from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS *Essex* (CVA-9) in the Sixth and Seventh Fleets, he participated in both the Lebanon and Formosa crises in 1958.



In October 1959, he reported to Fleet Airborne Electronics Training Unit Atlantic and served as Light Attack Nuclear Weapons Training Instructor.

Following this tour, he reported to Attack Squadron FORTY-FOUR for A-4 Skyhawk replacement pilot training prior to joining the staff of the Commander Attack Carrier Air Wing EIGHT aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Forrestal* (CVA- 59). After tours at the Naval War College and Attack Squadron FORTY-FOUR, he reported to Attack Squadron EIGHTY ONE aboard the aircraft carrier *Shangri-La* (CVS-38) where he served as Maintenance Officer during two Mediterranean deployments. A tour in Attack Squadron ONE SEVENTY FOUR, where he served as Operations Officer, was followed by orders to attack squadron EIGHTY- SEVEN as Executive Officer.

In March 1972, while deployed in the Mediterranean, aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42), he assumed command of Attack Squadron EIGHTY-SEVEN's "Golden Warriors" During this command tour, he was selected as Team Leader of a joint U.S. Navy and Air Force air-to-ground weapons team which represented the United States in NATO competition in Greece. In March 1973, Vice Admiral Fetterman reported to the Office of Legislative Affairs, Washington, D.C. where he served for two years as Assistant Director for the Navy Senate Liaison

Office. In July 1975, he assumed command of Carrier Air Wing EIGHT aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Nimitz* (CVN-68) and made deployments to the Caribbean, North Atlantic, and Mediterranean.

In January 1977, Vice Admiral Fetterman assumed command of the command ship USS *La Salle* (AGF-3), flagship of Commander, Middle East Forces. In March 1978, he reported to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations where he served as Special Projects Manager of the Royal Saudi Naval Forces Expansion Program. In February 1979, Vice Admiral Fetterman assumed command of U.S. Naval Base, Naval Station, and Naval Air Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He was selected for Rear Admiral in February 1981 and in July assumed duties as Commander Tactical Wings Atlantic. In July 1983, he reported as Commander, Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. From May to December 1985, he served on the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command and U.S. Atlantic Fleet as Deputy Chief of Staff for Readiness and Resources. In December 1985, he assumed his duties as Naval Inspector General. On 1 September 1987, he was promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral and in August assumed the duties as Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. On 1 February 1991, he assumed the duties as Chief of Naval Education and Training. Vice Admiral Fetterman retired from active duty on 11 March 1993

His personal awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (five awards), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and the Meritorious Unit commendation in addition to various campaign and service awards.

During his naval career, Vice Admiral Fetterman accumulated 7,000 hours of flight time in twenty different aircraft and recorded 960 carrier landings.

In November 1993, Vice Admiral Fetterman assumed his present position as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation. He is a member of the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce, serving on the board of Directors and as Chairman of the Armed Services Council. Vice Admiral Fetterman is Chairman of the Mayor's Community Core Values Board and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Pensacola Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Escambia-Santa Rosa Regional Workforce Development Board.

He is married to the former Nancy Glenn Austin of San Antonio, Texas. Vice Admiral Fetterman and Mrs. Fetterman have two sons, John and Kevin.