



James H. Flatley III, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)
 “Jim”

Date of Designation: 7 December 1957 NA # V-13299

Dates of Active Duty: 15 December 1954 - 31 July 1987

Total Flight Hours: 4,460

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,608

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,042 Prop: 408 Helo: 10 VF/VA: 3,893

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-213, Dec. 1967 - May 1968, (Gulf of Tonkin)
 - 117 Combat Missions.
 VF-212, Jan. 1969 - Jul. 1969 (Gulf of Tonkin)
 - 74 Combat Missions.
 CO, VF-31, May 1972 - Jan. 19 73 (Gulf of Tonkin) - 155 Combat Missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-31, May 1971 - May 1972
 Commander, Carrier Air Wing 7, Dec. 1974 - Mar. 1976
 CO, USS *Saratoga* (CV-60), Jun. 1979 - Nov. 1981
 Commander, Carrier Battle Group 8, Mar. 1983 - May 1985

Combat Awards:

Silver Star
 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses
 Bronze Star with Combat “V”
 6 Air Medals (Individual)
 24 Air Medals (Strike/Flight)

Duty Assignment Chronology

6/56-8/56 U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.
 8/56-7/57 Naval Air Basic Training Command, NAS, Pensacola, FL (Flight Training).
 7/57-12/57 NAS Corpus Christi, TX (Advanced Training)



12/57-1/62 Fighter Squadron 33.
 2/62-1/65 Naval Test Pilot School and Flight Test, Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent.
 1/65-4/67 Attack Carrier Air Wing THREE Staff.
 4/67-7/69 Fighter Squadron 213 (Safety Officer).
 7/69-7/70 Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL (Student).
 7/70-12/70 Commander Fleet Air, Norfolk (Inspection Coordinator).
 1/71-5/72 XO, Fighter Squadron 31.
 5/72-5/73 CO, Fighter Squadron 31.
 5/73-5/74 Staff, COMNAVAIRLANT (Fighter Training Coordinator).
 5/74-3/76 Commander, Attack Carrier Air Wing SEVEN.
 3/76-8/76 Staff, COMNAVAIRLANT (Ship’s Training Officer).
 6/76-2/77 Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Newport, RI., and Senior Officer Ship Material Training.
 2/77-7/78 CO, USS *Caloosahatchee* (AO-98).
 7/78-5/79 Office of CNO, Executive Assistant to VCNO.
 5/79-11/81 CO, USS *Saratoga* (CV-60).
 11/81-3/83 Commander, Naval Training Center Great Lakes, IL.
 3/83-5/85 Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT.
 5/85-7/87 Director, Strike and Amphibious Warfare Division (OP-954).
 7/86-7/87 Deputy Director, Naval Warfare (OP-095B)
 7/31/87 Retired from active duty.

Post-retirement Professional Affiliations

- Chief Executive Officer, Patriots Point Development Authority and Naval and Maritime Museum April 1994 - Present)
- Director, Advanced Systems, Cambridge Research Associates (April 91 - February 94).
- Chairman of the Board, Intermarine USA (April 89 - April 92).
- Managing Director, Intermarine USA (December 89 - April 91).

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Post-retirement Professional Affiliations continued

- USO World Board of Governors (February 87 - Present).
- United States Naval Institute Proceedings (Life Member).
- U. S. Naval Academy Foundation (1987 - Present).
- Association of Naval Aviation (Life Member)
- Surface Navy Association (Life Member)
- Navy Submarine League (Life Member)

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) As the Flight Test Carrier Suitability Project Pilot for the C-130 Carrier Feasibility Study, completed 29 Touch & Go and 21 Full Stop landings aboard USS *Forrestal* (CV-59), November 1963. Awarded DFC
- (2) In sixty-five months of operational command in the carrier aviation environment (Squadron, Air Wing, Carrier Battle Group), never suffered the loss of an aircraft under my responsibility.
- (3) First U. S. Navy carrier aviator to accumulate 1,600 carrier landings.
- (4) As Commanding Officer of VF-31, led the "Tomcatters" in winning both the Battle "E" and CNO Safety Award during VF-31's/*Saratoga*'s only combat deployment: 2,200 squadron combat missions without personnel or aircraft injury or loss.
- (5) As Commanding Officer of USS *Saratoga* (CV-60) led "*Sara*" and crew to Arliegh Burke Award a most improved carrier in the Atlantic Fleet.

Personal and Family

Rear Admiral Flatley is married to the former Nancy Monica Christie of Norfolk, Virginia. They have six children. Their two oldest sons, James Henry IV and Joseph are Navy fighter pilots and their youngest daughter Kara is a Naval Academy graduate, a Lieutenant in the Supply Corps and is married to Richard Brophy a Navy fighter pilot. Her sister, Mary, is married to Rex Kiteley a Navy flight surgeon. Their remaining son and daughter, Pat and Kate, lead normal American lives. RADM Flatley's father was the USS *Yorktown*'s first Air Group Commander and World War II fighter ace and the Pacific theater namesake for carrier aviations Safety Award - The Flatley Award.

Other Honors and Awards

Rear Admiral Flatley's honors include:

- United States Navy League's John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership for his command tour aboard USS *Saratoga*.
- The National Recreation and Parks Association Award to the military member of the Armed Forces who contributed most to the health and welfare of his Command - the first award ever to a Navy ship's Commanding Officer - USS *Saratoga*.