



John T. Hayward, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)
 “Chick”

Date of Designation: 13 September 1932

Dates of Active Duty: 15 May 1925 - 26 July 1926;
 3 June 1930 - 1 September 1968

Total Flight Hours: 13,023

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 310

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 263 Prop: 12,756 Helo: 4 VF/VA: 12,000+

Combat Tours:

WW II: FAW-2 Staff, May 1942 - June 1944 (Midway, Funafuti, Guadalcanal, Espiritu Santo).

WW II: CO, VB106, April 1943 - June 1944 (Wake Island raid, photo mission over Tarawa, Guadalcanal, Munda, Bougainville, Hollandia.)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VB-106, Apr. 1943 - Jun. 1944.

CO, VC-5, Jun. 1948 - May 1951.

CO, USS *Point Cruz* (CVE-119), Feb. 1953 - Jun. 1954.

CO and Technical Director, Naval Ordnance

Laboratory, White Oak, MD. Jun. 1954 - Feb. 1956.

CO, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt*, Feb. 1956 - Jan. 1957.

Commander, CARDIV 2/CTF-60, Mar. 1962 - Jun. 1963.

Commander, Task Force 135 (Attack force for

Cuban Missile Crisis), Aug. - Dec. 1962.

Commander, Antisubmarine Forces Pacific, May 1963

- Dec. 1965.

President, Naval War College, Newport, RI., Dec. 1965

- Sep. 1968.

Combat Awards:

Silver Star, Legion of Merit

4 Distinguished Flying Crosses

6 Air Medals and 1 Purple Heart



Duty Assignment Chronology

5/15/25 Enlisted in U. S. Navy as Seaman Second.
 7/26-6/30 U. S. Naval Academy - Midshipman.
 7/30-9/30 Naval Air Station, Norfolk for Preliminary Flight training and solo.
 9/30-3/31 Engineering Assistant, USS *Richmond*.
 6/31-9/32 Pensacola Flight Training.
 11/32-6/35 Assigned to Scouting Squadron 1 and operated from the carriers USS *Langley*, *Lexington*, *Ranger* and *Saratoga* in this period
 6/35-4/37 Assigned to Patrol Squadron 2, Coco Solo.
 5/37-9/37 Temporary duty at the Naval Aircraft Factory.
 9/37-2/38 Ordered to Naval Aviation Unit, USS *Philadelphia*. Did tests on aircraft recovery from this class Cruisers.
 2/38-5/40 Senior Aviator on USS *Phoenix*.
 5/40-5/42 Order to Naval Aircraft Factory as Director of Instrument Development and Deputy Chief Engineer. Worked closely with Royal Air Force on their inability to Navigate to Berlin plus the other difficulties they were having in the training areas.
 5/42-6/44 Ordered to the Pacific theater. First assignment was on the staff of Rear Admiral Mitscher who just became FAW-2. Had assignment to organize all Headquarters Squadrons for VP and the Patsu units. Prepare VP units for combat. Was involved at Midway, Funafuti, Guadalcanal, Espiritu Santo.
 4/43-6/44 Ordered to Command VB-106. Deployed to the South Pacific. Raided Wake Island, as well as the photo mission over Tarawa. Back at Guadalcanal then on to Munda. Participated in Bougainville operation at Augusta Bay. Covered shelling of Kavieng by Burke's Eager Beavers. Late February transferred to Fifth Air Force in Nadzab, New Guinea for missions against Hollandia. With the taking of the Admiralties, we were moved
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to Momote and given the task of searching ahead of the Fleet approaching for the Hollandia operation. Relieved in late May by VB-101

6/44-6/47 Ordered as Experimental Officer at the new ordnance station Inyokern in the desert. Involved with Caltech who ran the programs through the Office of Scientific Development for all the Navy rocket programs and the involvement with the Manhattan Project. Involved in the ordnance components of the atomic weapon being developed. Worked closely with Los Alamos. Upon the signing of the peace treaty ordered by General Groves to do a survey of Hiroshima and Nagasaki for any lingering radiation that was reported.

6/47-6/48 Ordered to the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project as Plans and Operations Officer at Sandia Base.

6/48-5/51 Ordered to command the Navy's first atomic bomb squadron VC-5 and to prepare to give the Navy an atomic capability in the *USS FDR, Midway* and *Coral Sea*.

5/51-2/53 Ordered to the Atomic Energy Commission in the Division of Military Affairs as Officer in Charge of R&D and work with Los Alamos Programs. Involved in establishment of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory

2/53-6/54 Ordered as Commanding Officer of the *USS Point Cruz* (CVE 119), and as Task Force Commander 95.5 in the yellow sea with Marine Air Group for ground support for the 1st Marine Division.

6/54-2/56 Commanding Officer and Technical Director of Naval Ordnance Laboratory at White Oak, Maryland. Involved in making Atomic depth Charge.

2/56-1/57 Ordered to recommission the *CVA Franklin D. Roosevelt* at Bremerton, and bring it around the Horn to Mayport, Florida.

1/57-3/62 Made flag rank and ordered to OP-06 (Strategic Plans) in the Pentagon. In April 1957 ordered to OP-03C, relieving Admiral Felt in the R&D business. Assumed OP-91 on reorganization in CNO, then became OP-07, Deputy DCNO for Development and promoted to Vice Admiral.

3/62-6/63 Ordered to Carrier Division 2 and Nuclear Task Force with *USS Enterprise* as Flagship. Took over Task Force 60 in the Mediterranean in April 1962. Took demotion to Rear Admiral to take this assignment. Returned to U. S. in Norfolk in August of 1962. Ordered to take Command of Task Force 135 (Attack Force in Cuban Missile Crisis). Returned to Norfolk in December 1962 and then redeployed to the Mediterranean in February 1963.

5/63-12/65 Relieved of CARDIV 2 in Mediterranean and proceeded to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to take over Antisubmarine Forces of the Pacific. Became Vice Admiral again.

12/65-9/68 Ordered to become the President of the Naval War College at Newport, RI. Obtained the funds to build the present complex of the War College.

1/9/68 Was placed on the temporary disability list which lasted for five years, when I was retired finally physically disabled.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Made first landing of Heavy Attack aboard *USS Coral Sea*.
- (2) Navy jet pilot number 12 (May 3, 1950).
- (3) Flew over 150 different types of aircraft.
- (4) As test pilot, flew XPBM-2 off catapult barge (February 1941).

Other Honors and Awards

Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science, University of Portland
 Honorary Degree LL.D, Providence College
 Commander, French Legion of Honor
 Order British Empire
 Knight Commander of Italy
 Knight of Malta
 Brazilian Southern Cross
 Life Saving Medal
 W. S. Parsons Scientific Award
 W. Blandy Ordnance Medal
 L.T.E. Thompson Medal
 R.D. Conrad Scientific Medal
 Silver Wings Award

Publications

"The Measurement of Air Speed," *Aero Digest*.
 "The Aircraft Compass," *Aero Digest*.
 "The Absolute Altimeter," *USNIP*.