



John E. Kennedy, Captain, USN (Ret.)
"Blackie"

Date of Designation: 10 February 1941 NA # 7107

Dates of Active Duty: July 1940 - July 1972

Total Flight Hours: 8,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 509

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,000 Prop: 6,000 VF/VA: 5,000

VR/VP: 1,500 Other: 1,500

Combat Tours:

WW II: VT-5, USS *Yorktown* (CV-5), Mar. 1943 - Dec. 1943; Marianas, Wake, Kwajalein, Gilbert Islands, Truk, Wotje, and Marcus Island campaigns.

WW II: USS *Independence* (CVL-22), Assistant Air Officer, Jan. 1944 - Sep. 1945.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-175, May. 1949 - Jan. 1951.

CAG, ATG-4, Feb. 1955 - Jul. 1956.

CO, USS *Vesuvius*, Dec. 1963 - Dec. 1964

CO, USS *Independence*, (CVA-62), Aug. 1965 - Aug. 1966.

CO, NATTC, Jacksonville, FL. Jul. 1969 - Jul. 1972.

Combat Awards:

3 Legions of Merit

2 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

6/40-4/41 Flight Training, NAS Pensacola, FL. -Student.

5/41-3/43 NAS Jacksonville, FL - Flight Instructor.

3/43-12/43 Pilot, VT-5, USS *Yorktown* (CV-5).

1/44-9/45 Assistant Air Officer, USS *Independence* (CVL-22). Operated with 3rd and 5th Fleets.

9/45-6/46 Staff, 19th Fleet, Bremerton, Washington.
7/46-5/47 General Line School.
7/47-4/49 Staff, Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA), Pensacola, FL.
5/49-1/51 CO, VA-175 (AD-1, 2, 3 and 4).
4/51-7/53 OPNAV (OP-55), Washington, D. C.
8/53-1/55 XO, Air Development Squadron 5 (VX-5), China Lake, CA.
2/55-7/56 CAG, ATG-4.
8/56-6/58 OPNAV (OP-50), Washington, D. C.
7/58-2/59 NATO Defense College, Paris, France.
3/59-12/60 Staff, USCINCEUR, Paris, France.
1/61-9/62 Joint Staff, Washington, D. C.
10/62-11/63 Staff, COMCARDIV ONE, Operations Officer.
12/63-12/64 CO, USS *Vesuvius*.
1/65-7/65 Staff, COMNAVAIRLANT, Norfolk, VA.
8/65-8/66 CO, USS *Independence*, (CVA-62).
9/66-1/68 George Washington University - Student.
2/68-5/69 Chief of Staff, COMCARDIV 3, embarked in USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65).
6/69-6/72 CO, Naval Air Technical Training Command (NATTC), Jacksonville, FL.
7/1/72 Retired from active duty.