



Roland H. Kenton, Captain, USNR (Ret.)
"Roland"

Date of Designation: July 1941 NA # 8690

Dates of Active Duty: 1940 - 1945
1952 - 1953

Total Flight Hours: 4,950

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 200 (estimated)

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,000 Prop: 1,950 VF/VA: 2,950
Civil: 2,000. FAA Commercial license: single and multi-engine rated; Instrument rated.

Combat Tours:

WW II: VF-71, 1941 - 1942. Operations in Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific (Guadalcanal) theaters
Korea: CO, VF-837, in USS *Antietam*, 1951-52. Jet fighter operations with TF-77.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-837, 1946 - 1951.

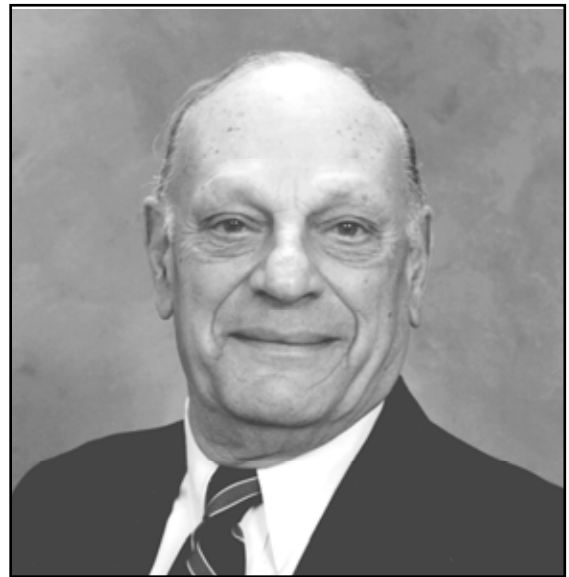
Combat Awards:

Navy Cross (WW II)
3 Air Medals (Korea)

Duty Assignment Chronology

(Active, Reserve and Reserve Training Duty)

- 1940-41 Flight training; commissioned Ensign, and designated Naval Aviator #8690 July 1941.
- 1941-42 VF-71, USS *Wasp* (CV-7). Operations in Atlantic, European, and Pacific Theatres. Reinforced Malta in Mediterranean; supported amphibious landings on Guadalcanal, August 1942. VF-5, TAD land based on Guadalcanal following sinking of USS *Wasp*. VMF-121, TAD Guadalcanal.



- 1943-44 Operational Training Command, NAS Jacksonville FL. NAAS Green Cove Springs FL. Duty as Flight Instructor. Further duty as Gunnery and Bombing Training Officer, Station Ordnance Officer.
- 1945 VBF-14, NAS San Diego, CA. Air Officer, Staff, Amphibious Group Six. Flag, USS *Rocky Mount* (AGC-3).
- 1949 Flight operations USS *Cabot* (CVL-28)
- 1946-51 CO, VF-837, NAS New York.
- 1951-52 Commanding Officer VF-837, USS *Antietam* (CV-36). Jet fighter operations, Korea, TF-77.
- 1952 Asst. Flight Training Officer, NAS New York.
- 1953 Naval Reserve Surface Division 3-70, New Rochelle, NY.
- 1953-56 Assistant Wing Staff Commander, AWS-83. NAS New York, Administrative Officer.
- 1957 Staff, Commander, Carrier Division 18, USS *Leyte* (CVS-32).
- 1958 Naval Intelligence School and Naval Attache course, Washington D. C.
- 1959 Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05R), Washington, D. C.
- 1961 Naval Reserve Officers School, Stamford, CT.
- 1964 Naval War College, Global Strategy for Senior Reserve Officers.
- 1965-66 Staff, Commander Naval Air Force, Atlantic Fleet, Plans Officer (CNAL 31), Norfolk, VA.

Summary of Significant Memory Events

- (1) USS *Wasp* (CV-7). Twice ferried Spitfires to Malta in 1942.
- (2) During tour with VF-71, destroyed Japanese based aircraft in support of landings on Guadalcanal, August 1942.

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- (3) During Post WW II Naval Reserve duty, conduct earliest squadron flight operations in USS *Cabot* (CVL-28).
- (4) Commanding Officer, VF-837 during Korean War.
- (5) To Retired Reserves - 1 July 1973.