



Paul F. McCarthy, Vice Admiral, USN

Date of Designation: 3 May 1957

Dates of Active Duty: September 1954 - February 1990.

Total Flight Hours: 4,859

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 818 Rotary: 11

Approximate Flight Hours*:

Jet: 4,364 Prop: 495 VF/VA: 3,890 VR/VP: 60

VS: 32 VT: 266 Helo: 105 Other: 171

* Hours are non-additive (Aircraft: 57 Types, 84 Models)

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-15, 6/67-12/67, Operationa Officer, USS *Intrepid* (CVS-11). 90 Missions (A-4C).

Vietnam: VA-195, 12/70-7/71, XO/CO, NVN, SVN, Laos, Cambodia, DMZ, Strike, USS *Kitty Hawk*, CVA-63. 161 Missions (A-7E). Night ejection over Tonkin Gulf as CO VA-195, 5 hrs evading NVN fishing vessels prior to rescue by Jolly Green.

Vietnam: USS *Enterprise* (CV-65). 10/72-12/72, Navigator- Tonkin Gulf.

Vietnam: 5/73-9/73, NVN, Crash Site Photography, CAG-9 [missions all unofficial - but opposed], USS *Constellation* (F-4J, A-7E, RA-5C, EA-6A, A-6A, SH-3A, A-3, E-2C, TA-7, TA-4; barrier engagement in an F-4J.

Participated in Operations Rolling Thunder, Barrel Roll, Steel Tiger. Total Missions 251, including 54 night, 101 in NVN, Alpha Strikes 38, [targets in/area of Haiphong, Hanoi, Cam Pha, Phu Ly, Nin Binh, N.E. Rail Line, Hon Gay, Nam Dihn, Than Hoa, Phu Quat, Vinh, Hung Tmng,] as well as work along the DMZ supporting USMC, the Ho Chi Minh Trail and support of the USA, ARVN as they moved West to Chepone.



Aviation Commands:

CO VA-195, 4/71-2/72, NAS Lemoore and Vietnam.

CVW-9, 5/73-7/74, NAS Lemoore, Tonkin Gulf, Vietnam.

CO USS *Niagara Falls*, (AFS-3), 6/76-12/77, Alameda and WESTPAC.

CO USS *Constellation*, (CV-64), 6/78-1/80, North Island and WESTPAC.

COMCARCRU ONE, 9/82-12/83, NAS North Island, USS *Constellation*, *Coral Sea*, *Carl Vinson*, *Midway*, and WESTPAC.

CTF-77, 1/84-1/85, Subic Bay, [COMCARGRUFIVE], USS *Midway*, WESTPAC and Indian Ocean.

COMSEVENTH Fleet, 4/85-9/87, Yokosuka, Japan, USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC-19) WESTPAC/Indian Ocean.

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Crosses

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27 Air Medals (3 Individual & 24 Strike/Flight)

Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, w"V" & 2 stars

Navy Unit Commendation, w/2 stars

Duty Assignment Chronology

9/54-2/56 USS *Savage* (DER-386), DCA, Navigator, OOD [Under Way], E0OW. Boston, Newport and Seattle; Surface Warfare Qualified.

2/56-7/57 Naval Training Command, jet pipeline (T-34, T-28, SNJ, TV-2, BF-6).

8/57-10/57 FAWTULANT, Night Fighter Training, NAS Key West (F-3D).

10/57-5/59 VF-71, NAS Oceana/USS *Randolph*, Admin. Officer and LSO. Two Invasion of Lebanon, (F2H-3/4).

5/59-8/59 VA-44, First RAG Class, (A-4), NAS Jacksonville, FL.

8/59-8/61 VA-12, NAS Cecil Flild, FL., USS *Shangri-La*, USS *Roosevelt*, OPS & LSO, N. Atlantic & Med (A4D-1/2/2N). Developed tactics for A-4/A-3 Buddy Bombing. On cruise, deployed

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

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8/61-7/63 VX-5, Nuclear Weapons Delivery Officer and Project Pilot. Cognizant projects included A-4, F-4 aircraft, all Nuclear and Conventional as well as Loop Bombing, Low and Slow, and the following weapons; MK-7, MK-28, MK-43, MK-61, Zuni, Rockeye, Bullpup, 2.75 FFAR, Snakeye, Walleye, Shrike, Lazy Dog, and others. This included developing tactics, and writing the manuals for the delivery procedures. Participant in President Kennedy Fire Power Demo culminating event, F-4B dropping 24 MK-82s bombs (A-4A/B/C, AD-5N, SNB, F4H-1/B), NAS China Lake.

8/63-6/64 U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. MS Financial Management (T2A).

7/64-7/66, COMFAIRMED, Flag Secretary and Aide, Naples, Italy. (T-33).

7/66-1/67 RCVG-4, RAGs, VA-44, VF-128, LSO, (A-4B/C, F-8C/D/E/F).

1/67-11/68 VA-15, Ops. Officer & LSO, NAS Cecil Field & USS *Intrepid*. WESTPAC, Combat (A-4C).

12/68-12/69 CINLANTFLT, Asst. Nuclear Weapons Plans Officer, Norfolk, VA (TA-4F).

1/70-5/70 VA-122 RAG, NAS Lemoore, CA (TA-4F, A-7E).

1/70-4/71 VA-195, X0 NAS Lemoore, CA /USS *Kitty Hawk*, Vietnam, Combat (A-7E).

4/71-2/72 VA-195, CO NAS Lemoore/USS *Kitty Hawk*, Vietnam Combat (A-7E). Winner of 1971 PACFLT "E", Light Attack. Also did a Cruise debeif for RAG, LATWINGPAC, NWC, OPNAV staff, Senate Armed Services Committee on effectiveness of A-7E in combat.

3/72-12/72 USS *Enterprise*, CVA-65, Navigator, NAS Alameda/ Vietnam (TA-4F).

1/73-5/73 Various RAGs, [A-7E, F-4, RA-5, A-6E,] NAS Lemoore, CA.

5/73-7/74 CVW-9, CAG, NAS Lemoore/*Constellation*, unofficial combat (A-7E, F-4J, A-6A, EA-6A, A-3, SH-3A, TA-7F, E-2C, TA-4).

8/74-6/76 OPNAV OP-962, Deputy Systems Analysis-Air Warfare, Washington. D.C. (TA-7F, TA-4, A-7).

6/76-1/78 USS *Niagara Falls* (AFS-3), CO, NAS Alameda/WESTPAC; winner of 1977 PACFLT "E", Auxiliaries (CH-46D).

1/78-7/78 Senior Officer Ship Material Readines, Student, Idaho Falls (S-3A).

6/78- 1/80 USS *Constellation* (CV-64), CO, NAS North Island/WESTPAC/Indian Ocean, Golden Anchor winner, 1979 (SH-3H, S-3A).

2/80-6/82 OPNAV, OP-50, Director of Aviation Plans and Requirements, Wash. DC (U-9D, T-38, Alpha Jet, T-33, TAV-8B, F/A-18, TA-4J, C-12, UH-1N, TH-57, F-111D, A-37, SH-60B,

CH-53E, SH-2F, Hawk, F-14C, F-16, UC-12B, TA-4C, S-3A, TA-7C, F-15B, T-45, F-14).

9/82-12-83 CARGRU-1, Commander, North Island/WESTPAC/Indian Ocean,USS *Constellation*, *Coral Sea*, *Carl Vinson*, *Midway* (TA-4C, UC-27, TH-57, T-34C, TA-7C, S-3A, SH-3A, TA-7C, A-6E, TA-4J, F-14).

1/84-1/85 TASK FORCE 77, Commander,[CARGRU-5], USS *Midway*/Subic Bay (US-3A).

4/85-9/87 SEVENTH FLEET, Commander, Yokosuka/ USS *Blue Ridge*, Indian Ocean, WESTPAC (TA-3D, C-12, UP-3, SH-3, P-3B/C).

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Flew over 251 combat missions including 54 at night, the majority of them over North Vietnam.
- (2) Flew 57 Types and 84 different Model aircraft.
- (3) Wide naval aviation experience, i.e. commanded a squadron, Air Wing, carrier (*Constellation*), two Carrier Groups and a numbered Fleet.
- (4) In VX-5 as nuclear weapons delivery officer tested myriad tactics, delivery procedures, etc., for a plethora of weapons. Was a major contributor in developing weapons tactics for the Fleet.
- (5) Presidential Air Power Demo for President Kennedy at China Lake, in June 1963, with F4B delivering 24 MK-82s.
- (6) Made 21 deployments literally around the planet.
- (7) While CO, VA-195, had to eject at night and success fully evaded NVN fishermen for 5 hours until rescued by the Jolly Green Giant.