



John B. Nichols III., CDR, USN (Ret.)

Date of Designation: 27 Nov. 1957

Dates of Active Duty: 1954 - 1974

Total Flight Hours: 4,000

Carrier /Ship Landings: Fixed Wing: 760 Rotary: 0

Approximate Flight Hours: Jet: 3,500 Prop: 500

Combat Tours:

- 1966 - USS Ticonderoga, VF-191.
- 1967 - USS Ticonderoga, VF-191.
- 1971 - XO VF- 24, USS Hancock.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-24, June 1973 - November 1974

Combat Awards - Air Medals and above.

- Silver Star.
- Distinguished Flying Cross.
- 19 Strike/Flight Awards.

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 1955 - 1958 Training Command, including instructor duty.
- 1958 - 1963 LSO, VF-62.
- 1963 - 1966 LSO Instructor, VF-174.
- 1966 - 1968 Operations Officer, VF-191.
- 1968 - 1969 Naval War College, Newport, RI.
- 1969 Operations Officer, Instructor, VF-124 .
- 1970 -1974 XO/CO, VF-24.



Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Escort of RF-8 in June 1968, attacked by two Mig-17's, destroyed one.
- (2) April 1967, flew Iron Hand Escort on Mike Esctocin. He received posthumous Medal of Honor.
- (3) Author "On Yankee Station," The Naval Aviation War Over Vietnam.