



**Robert E. Riera, RADM, USN (Ret.)**  
 "Emmitt"

Date of Designation: 21 December 1939      NA # 6290

Dates of Active Duty: 7 June 1935 - 30 January 1974.

Total Flight Hours: 4,050

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 400

Approximate Flight Hours:  
 Jet: 50    Prop: 4,000    VA/VF: 4,000

Combat Tours:  
 WW II: VB-16 (USS *Lexington*), 1942 - 1946; 20 combat missions.  
 WW II: VB-20 (USS *Enterprise*), Jun. 1943 - Nov. 1944; 40 combat missions (Battle of Leyte Gulf, and Manila Harbor).  
 WW II: CAG-11 (USS *Hornet*), Nov. 1944 - Mar. 1945; 40 combat missions (Ryukyus, Formosa, Philippines).

Aviation Commands:  
 CO, VB-16, Apr. 1942 - Jun. 1943.  
 CO, VB-20, Jun. 1943 - Nov. 1944  
 CO, Air Group 11, Nov. 1944 - Mar. 1945.  
 CO, USS *Greenwich Bay* (AVP-41), 1958 - 1960.  
 CO, USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59), 1960 - 1961  
 COMFAIRMED, 1966 - 1968.  
 COMFAIR WESTPAC, 1970 - 1972.

Combat Awards:  
 Navy Cross (Battle of Leyte Gulf).  
 Legion of Merit-Combat "V" (Takao Harbor, Formosa).  
 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses.  
 7 Air Medals.



**Duty Assignment Chronology**

6/31-6/35    U.S. Naval Academy - Midshipman.  
 6/35-8/36    USS *New York* (Gunnery Department).  
 9/36-10/38    USS *Worden* (Gunnery & Engineering).  
 11/38-2/39    NAS Pensacola, FL. - Flight Training.  
 12/21/49    Designated Naval Aviator.  
 1/40-9/41    VB-2, USS *Lexington* (CV-2).  
 12/41-5/42    Post Graduate School, Annapolis, MD.  
 6/42-10/43    CO, VB-16, USS *Lexington* (CV-10).  
 11/43-11/44    CO, VB-20, USS *Enterprise*.  
 11/44-4/45    CO, Air Group ELEVEN, USS *Hornet*.  
 5/45-5/47    VA Design Branch, Bureau of Aeronautics.  
 5/47-6/48    CO, Carrier Bombing Group ONE.  
 7/48-7/50    Single Engine Training Officer, CNVANTRA, Corpus Christi, TX.  
 7/50-6/51    Naval War College, Newport, RI - Student.  
 7/51-7/52    Operations Officer, COMCARDIV FOUR.  
 7/52-7/53    XO, USS *Coral Sea* (CVA-43).  
 7/53-6/55    Training Officer, COMNAVAIRLANT.  
 7/55-7/58    Chief of Staff, Naval Air Training, Pensacola.  
 8/58-1/60    CO, USS *Greenwich Bay* (AVP-41).  
 2/60-5/61    CO, USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59).  
 5/61-6/62    Commander, CARDIV FOURTEEN.  
 6/62-6/64    OPNAV (OP-33).  
 7/64-7/66    Commander, Alaskan Sea Frontier.  
 8/66-8/68    COMFAIRMED.  
 8/68-8/70    OPNAV (OP- 03B)-Fleet Ops & Readiness.  
 9/70-9/72    Commander, Fleet Air Western Pacific.  
 9/72-6/74    COMEIGHT.  
 6/30/74    Retired from active duty.