



They almost shot my "Y" off -1951

**James R. Sanderson, VADM, USN (Ret.)**  
 "Sandy"

Date of Designation: 8 May 1950 NA #: T-625

Dates of Active Duty: 1 March 1944 - 1 April 1983

Total Flight Hours: 4,673

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 643

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,388 Prop: 3,285 VF/VA: 2,383 VT: 1,190

Combat Tours:

Korea: 12/50-5/51, VA-195 (AD-4), USS *Princeton*  
 50 combat sorties.

Korea: 4/52-10/52, VA-195 (AD-4) USS *Princeton*  
 51 combat sorties.

Vietnam: 1/69-4/69 & 10/69-3/70, USS *Rainier* (AE-7),  
 a unit of TF73 replenishing ammunition.

Vietnam: 5/72-1/73, USS *Saratoga* (CV-60), conducting  
 air operations against North Vietnam.

Totao 101 combat sorties, 6 Korean campaigns.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-76, 3/62-12/63 (A4C).

COMCVW-3, 7/64-6/65 (F4D/F8E/A4C/A1H/RA5C/E1B).  
 CO, USS *Saratoga* (CV-60), 8/71-2/73.

COMCARDIV TWO, Commander Battle Force SIXTH  
 Fleet, Commander Task Force SIX ZERO & NATO  
 Commander Tack Force FIVE ZERO TWO, 6/79-7/80.

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross (Korea, Torpedo Strike destroy-  
 ing Flood Gates of Hwachon Reservoir Dam, Korea.

5 Air Medals (Korea, Close Air Support, Interdiction, etc.)

Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V"

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

3/44-10/44 V-5 Unit, University of Washington.  
 10/44-3/45 V-12A Unit, Willamette University, Salem OR.  
 3/45-7/45 USNR Midshipman School, Columbia  
 University, New York, NY.



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7/45-12/45 TRALANT, Norfolk, VA, Destroyer Officer  
 School and TRAPAC, San Diego, CA, Fire  
 Control Officer School.  
 12/45-1/46 USS *Mansfield* (DD 728), Fire Control Officer,  
 Junior Watch Officer.  
 1/46-4/46 TRAPAC, Coronado, CA, Naval Gunnery  
 Liaison Officer School.  
 4/46-6/46 TRAPAC, Honolulu, Torpedo Officer School.  
 8/46-9/47 USS *Mansfield* (DD-728), Gunnery Officer,  
 Officer of the Deck (Underway).  
 9/47-12/48 USS *Bausell* (DD-845), Gunnery Officer, First  
 Lieutenant and Senior Watch Officer.  
 1/49-3/49 NAVAIRBASICTRA Pre-Flight, Pensacola, FL  
 4/49-11/49 NAVAIRBASICTRA, Primary Flight Training.  
 12/49-4/50 Cabiness Field, TX, Advanced Flight Training.  
 4/50-5/50 NAVAIRADVANCEDTRA (F4U) Corry Field.  
 5/50-12/52 VA-195 (AD-4) NAS Alameda, USS *Princeton*.  
 12/52-7/53 NAVPGSCHOOL, Navy General Line School.  
 8/53-7/55 Pensacola, FL. Basic Flight Instructor.  
 9/53-7/55 BTU-3G (SNJ-5) Barin Field, AL, Training  
 Standardization, Gunnery Flight Instructor.  
 8/55-10/55 TRALANT, Aviation Ordinance Officer Schl.  
 10/55-8/57 VA-16 (AD-4) NAS Oceana & USS *Lake  
 Champlain* (CVA-39).  
 9/57-1/60 CARDIV FOUR, Norfolk & USS *Forrestal*,  
 Air Operations Officer, Staff Watch Officer.  
 2/60-10/62 VA-43 (A4C, F9F) NAS Oceana, VA, RAG  
 Instructor & Operations Officer.  
 11/61-3/62 XO, VA-76 (A4C) NAS Oceana, VA, & USS  
*Enterprise* (CVAN-65).  
 3/62-12/63 CO, VA-76 (A4C) NAS Oceana, VA, & USS  
*Enterprise* (CVAN-65).  
 1/64-7/64 VF-101, VF-174, VAH-5, Prospective CVW-3  
 7/64-6/65 COMCVW-3, NAS Cecil Field, FL & USS  
*Saratoga*.  
 7/65-6/66 National War College, Washington, DC. and  
 George Washington University (GWU).  
 7/66-11/67 OPNAV, Office of the CNO (OP601C) Special  
 Support Plans Officer, Pacific Area, Strategic  
 Plans and Policy Division.

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued:

11/67-11/68	OPNAV, (OP-06A) Executive Assistant and Senior Aide to DCNO (Plans and Policy) . GWU, Washington, DC, Student.	9/53-7/55	Flight Instructor and Senior Member Standardization Board for BTU-3G.
11/68-1/69	SERVAC, Perspective CO. Damage Control & Fire Fighting School, Treasure Island, CA.	1/57-7/57	VA-16, USS <i>Lake Champlain</i> (CV-39). Last straight deck deployment, awarded Battle E.
1/69-4/70	SERVAC, Commanding Officer, USS <i>Rainier</i> (AE-7), Concord, CA & SEASIA.	9/57	CARDIV Staff Watch Officer.
1/73-2/73	USS <i>Saratoga</i> (CVA-60), CVW-3 embarked, transit to SECONDFLT.	10/57-11/57	US Navy Air Operations Liaison Officer to Royal Navy in HMS <i>Hermes</i> .
4/73-7/76	NATO, Deputy Commander Naval Striking & Support Forces, Southern Europe.	2/12/60	First Military Jet flight (F9F) Hooded Instrument Take-off, NAS Oceana, VA.
8/76-1/77	Joint Staff, Office of JCS, Deputy Director Operations, National Military Command Center (J-3).	6/8/60	First A4C flight, Replacement Fleet Pilot Weapons Flight Instructor.
1/77-1/79	OPNAV, (OP-60B), Assistant DCNO (Plans, Policy and Operations).	2/61-4/62	Deployed for Cuban Missile Crisis.
1/79-5/79	NAVMAT, Senior Officers Ship Material and Readiness Course, Idaho.	3/62-12/63	CO, VA-76 (A4C) NAS Oceana & USS <i>Enterprise</i> (CVN-65).
6/79-7/80	COMCARDIV TWO, Commander, Carrier Group TWO, Commander Battle Force SIXTH Fleet, Naples, Italy.	7/64-6/65	CVW-3, day & night qualified in A4, F4 and F8.
8/80-3/83	CINCLANT & CINCLANTFLT, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic and Deputy Commander-in-Chief & Chief of Staff, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, NATO Commander-in-Chief, Western Atlantic and Commander, Ocean Sub Area Atlantic.	6/6/65	Made USS <i>Saratoga's</i> 100,000th Carrier Landing, OK3, A4C, at night, my 104th in <i>Saratoga</i> , my 628th overall.
4/1/83	Retired from active duty with 39 years.	4/66-5/66	NWC Field Trip in Central & South America.

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

9/3/43	Enlisted in Naval Reserve Aviation V-5 Program while a student at University of California, Berkeley, CA.	6/67-7/67	OPNAV Representative accompanying CNO (Adm. Thomas Moorer) on tour of Pacific.
3/1/44	Active duty as Apprentice Seaman, USNR.	11/67-11/68	EA & Senior Aide to DCNO (Plans, Policy and Operations).
3/1/45	Designated Midshipman, USNR.	10/68	Graduated GWU with BA in Int'l. Relations.
7/5/45	Commissioned Ensign, USNR. Resigned and Commissioned Ensign, USN.	1/69-3/70	CO, USS <i>Rainier</i> (AE-7).
8/46-12/48	Only Gunnery Officer in DESPAC in the rank of Ensign. Destroyer Officer of the Deck.	4/70-5/71	Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations & Plans, Staff COMSIXTHFLT, Gaeta, Italy.
8/46-8/47	Deployed in China and Japan.	8/71-2/73	CO, USS <i>Saratoga</i> (CVA-60). Awarded Battle E, Flatley Trophy for Aviation Safety & NCM.
9/19/47	Joined Betty Lee Bradley in Holy Matrimony at St. Johns Chapel, NSY Mare Island, CA.	4/73-7/76	NATO Deputy Commander Naval Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe, Naples.
2/48-11/48	Deployed in China and Japan.	8/76-9/77	Deputy Director Operations and National Military Command Center on staff of Chairman, JCS, when Ax Murder at Panmunjom occurred when Adm. Holloway, CNO, was Acting CJCS.
1/2/49	Entered Flight Training at Pensacola, FL.	12/77-1/79	Asst. DCNO (Plans, Policy and Operations)
5/14/50	Solo Flight SNJ-5, Pace Grass Field, Whitting Field, FL.	1/79-7/80	Senior Officers Ship Material & Readiness Course, "Rickover U," Idaho, enjoyable because one could mathematically prove solutions real-time unlike the E-Ring where one must await history to prove or disprove solutions.
11/3/49	First Carrier Landing, (SNJ-5) USS <i>Cabot</i> .	10/80-11/80	Exercised Freedom of the Seas Policy by conducting Surface to Surface Harpoon Missile live fire Exercise in Gulf of Sidra which Moamar Quidafi considered Libyan territorial waters. Similarly ship visit were periodically scheduled in Black Sea ports.
2/13/50	First F4U flight.	8/1/80	Commissioned Vice Admiral, USN, assigned as Deputy Commander-in-Chief Atlantic Command, Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Chief of Staff US Atlantic Fleet.
5/5/50	Six carrier landings in F4U-4, USS <i>Cabot</i> .	4/1/83	Transferred to the Retired List in the rank of Vice Admiral.
6/20/50	First AD flight.		
12/6/50	First Korean War Combat Sortie (AD-4) Close Air Support (CAS) of 1st Marine Division at Chosen Reservoir, North Korea.		
5/1/51	Torpedo Strike, Hwachon Reservoir Dam, North Korea (Awarded DFC).		
5/1/52	Deep Interdiction Strike, Suiho Power Plant, Yalu River, North Korea (NCM).		
10/13/52	101st and last Korean War combat sortie,		