



Carl Seiberlich (center) receiving Harmon International Trophy from President Truman in ceremonies at the White House

1952



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Carl J. Seiberlich, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)
 “Carl”

Date of Designation: 15 April 1947

Dates of Active Duty: 15 December 1943-1 February 1980

Total Flight Hours: 9,850

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed: 364 Rotary: 129 LTA: 43

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 300 Prop: 4,250 Helo: 1,150 VR/VP: 2,150
 HS/HC/HU: 1,150 VS: 1,800 VT: 600 LTA: 4,150

Aviation Commands:

CO, ZPM-4, Jul. 1949 - Feb. 1952
 CO, VS-26, Jul. 1959 - Jul. 1960
 CO, USS *Salamonie* (AO-26), Nov. 1967 - Dec. 1968
 CO, USS *Hornet* (CVS-12), May 1969 - Jun. 1970
 Commander, ASW Group-3, Jul. 1971 - Jun. 1973

Combat Awards:

Non-combat Air Medal for night and all-weather flying in development of towing techniques for AQS-2 towed sonar.

Duty Assignment Chronology

12/43-3/46 USS *Mayo* (DD-422), Navigator.
 4/46-12/46 NAS Lakehurst, NJ., LTA Flight Training.
 1/47-6/49 ZP-1, Operations Officer.
 7/49-2/52 CO, ZPM-4, Airship Experimental Center, NAS Lakehurst, NJ.
 3/52-12/52 NAS Pensacola, FL., HTA Flight Training.
 1/53-3/53 NAS Hutchinson, KS., VP Flight Training.
 4/53-6/55 VP-5, Administrative Officer.
 7/55-6/56 Fleet Airship Wing ONE, NAF Weeksville, NC., Readiness Officer.
 7/56-12/57 OPNAV (OP-54), Officer Detailer, Washington, D. C.
 1/58-12/58 BUPERS, Washington, D. C. (Officer Detailer).

1/59-6/59 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.
 7/59-7/60 XO, VS-36, USS *Valley Forge*/USS *Randolph*.
 7/59-7/60 CO, VS-26, USS *Randolph* Task Group ALFA
 8/61-4/63 ASWFORLANT, Norfolk, VA., Plans Officer.
 5/63-12/64 USS *Intrepid* (CVS-11), Navigator.
 1/65-10/67 Naval Air Reserve Training Command, NAS Glenview, IL., ACOS for Readiness.
 11/67-12/68 CO, USS *Salamonie* (AO-26).
 1/69-5/69 SERVLANT, Norfolk, VA.
 5/69-6/70 CO, USS *Hornet* (CVS-12).
 7/70-6/71 OPNAV (OP-503), Washington, D. C.
 7/71-6/73 Commander, ASW Group-3, USS *Ticonderoga* (CVS-14).
 7/73-6/77 OPNAV (OP-51/OP-05B), Washington, D. C.
 7/77-6/78 Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C.
 7/78-1/80 Commander, Naval Military Personnel Command, Washington, D. C.
 2/1/80 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Made first airship night carrier landing aboard USS *Mindoro* (CVE-120), November 1948.
- (2) Developed world’s first variable depth towed sonar at Airship Experimental Center, Lakehurst, NJ. Received Harmon International Trophy in 1952 from President Truman in ceremonies at the White House.
- (3) Flew first winter arctic ice reconnaissance missions from Thule AFB, Greenland, 1953-1954. Flew mission to North Pole.
- (4) Flew airship towed sonar in initial ASW operations against USS *Nautilus*, 1955.
- (5) Commanding Officer of first S2D squadron. Fleet introduction system bypassed. Aircraft came directly to squadron in Task Group ALFA. Made first S2D carrier landing. (- Continued -)

- (6) Served as Commander Primary Landing Area Recovery Group directing recovery of astronauts and Command Module's after first two lunar landing missions, Apollo 11 and 12.