



Bernard M. Streaan, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)
 “Smoke”

Date of Designation: 20 July 1936 NA # 4286

Dates of Active Duty: 1 June 1933 - 20 July 1971

Total Flight Hours: 10,960

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 500

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 250 Prop: 10,710 VF/VA: 3,300

VR/VP: 5,460 VS: 50 VT: 1,900

Combat Tours:

WW II: VF-1, Tarawa Island Defense and VF-1, USS *Yorktown* (CV-10), Nov. 1943 - Feb. 1944.
 Task Force 58, USS *Yorktown* (CV-10), Mar. 1944- Oct. 1944, Philippine Sea, all over West Pacific, Gilberts, Marshalls, Guam, Bonins, etc.
 - 60 combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, Primary Flight Instructor School (N2S) , NAS Jacksonville, FL. 1942 - 1943.
 CO, VF-1 (F6F), USS *Yorktown* (CV-10), 1943 - 1944.
 CO, Air Group 98, Los Alamitos, CA. 1944.
 CO, Air Group 75 (F4U, SB2C), USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVB-42), 1944 - 1946.
 CO, Air Transport Squadron 8 (R7), Hickam Field, HI., 1952 - 1954.
 CO, Naval Preflight School, Pensacola, FL., 1954 - 1956
 CO, USS *Kenneth Whiting*, 1956 - 1957.
 CO, USS *Randolph* (CV-15) 1958 - 1959.
 Commander, Fleet Air Whidbey, 1960 - 1961
 Commander, Carrier Division 2, 1964 - 1965.
 Chief, Naval Air Training, 1968-1971.

Combat Awards: (WW II)

Navy Cross
 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses



8 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

1929-33 Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis.
 1933-35 Fleet Flagship USS *Pennsylvania*.
 1935-36 Fighter training, Pensacola, FL.
 1936-38 VF-6 and VF-3, USS *Saratoga* (CV-3).
 1938-39 VP-11, (FAW-1), NAS San Diego, CA.
 1939-40 VP-6 and VP-23 (FAW-2), Pearl Harbor, HI.
 1940-42 VT (training) and VP (patrol) squadrons, NAS Jacksonville, FL. In October 1942, became member of Flight Standardization Board, Kansas City, MO.
 1942-43 Primary Flight Instructor (N2S) , NAS Jacksonville, FL.
 1943-44 CO, VF-1 and VF-6, Tarawa and the USS *Yorktown* (CV-10).
 1944-45 CO, Air Group 98.
 1945-46 CO, Air Group 75, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVB-42) .
 1946-49 Operations Officer on Staff of COMFAIR Quonset, Quonset Point, RI.
 1949-49 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.
 1950-51 Head of Technical Training Programs Section Office of the CNO, Washington, D. C.
 1951-54 CO, Air Transport Squadron 8, Hickam Field, HI.
 1954-56 CO, Naval School Preflight School, NAS Pensacola, FL.
 1956-57 CO, USS *Kenneth Whiting*.
 1957-58 Student, National War College, Washington, D. C.
 1958-59 CO, USS *Randolph* (CV-15).
 1959-60 Chief of Staff, COMNAVAIRLANT.
 1960-61 Commander, Fleet Air Whidbey, NAS Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA. Additional duty as COMNAB 13th Naval District and Commander Fleet Air Wing 4.

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1961-62 Commander, Taiwan Patrol Force/Commander Fleet Air Wing 1, Okinawa, Japan.

1962-63 Head, OP-33 (Fleet Operations), Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

1964-65 Commander, Carrier Division 2, USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65). Commander of round the world cruise of worlds first all nuclear Task Force - called "Operation Sea Orbit".

1965-68 Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C.

1968-71 Chief, Naval Air Training, Pensacola, FL.

7/22/71 Retired from active duty.

Family:

He has three children, Bernard M. Streaan, Jr., Richard L. Streaan and Judy Streaan, now married to Lieutenant Commander William Graves, USN. On April 16, 1988, VAdm Streaan married Susan Noble Webb of Beverly Hills, CA.

Other Activities:

Board of Directors, N. Virginia Community College, 1979-1983

Board of Directors, U. S. Olympic Committee, 1964-68.

Vice Pres., O.S.C Franchise Development Corp., 1971-75.

President, USNA Class of 1933, 1973-88.

President, Washington Chapter USNA Alumni Assoc. 1974

Chairman, Board of Solaray Corp, 1975-80.

Founder/Board of Directors, Maryland Aviation Historical Society, 1978-82.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Credited with shooting down four Japanese aircraft plus two probables (WW II).
- (2) Credited with direct bomb hit on Japanese aircraft carrier, during battle of Philippine Sea.
- (3) Flew in VP-4 during first mass flight to Hawaii from California. Broke record in 1938 for crossing in 16 hours and 45 minutes.
- (4) Commanded the worlds first all-nuclear task force in first round the world cruise "Operation Sea Orbit" demonstration cruise in USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65).
- (5) While CO, USS *Randolph* (CV-15), welcomed Winston Churchill aboard while anchored in Cannes, France.

