

William Paul Thayer, LCDR, USNR (Ret.) "Paul"

Date of Designation: March 1942 NA # 114570

Dates of Active Duty: June 1941 - October 1945

Total Flight Hours: 12,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 250

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 8,000 Prop: 4,000 VF/VA: 3,800

Other: 8,200 (Commercial, company and personal aircraft)

Combat Tours:

WW II: North African Invasion, Nov. 1942 - Dec. 1942.
South Pacific, Jan.1943 - Aug. 1943, Guadalcanal, and Russell Islands. South Pacific Invasions (New Guinea, Halamahara and Philippines), Feb. 1944 - Dec. 1944.

Combat Awards:

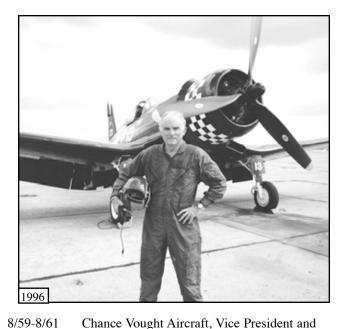
3 Distinguished Flying Crosses

10 Air Medals

2 Presidential Unit Citations

Duty Assignment Chronology

10/45-6/47	Trans World Airlines, Co-pilot.
3/48-9/50	Chance Vought Aircraft, Production and
	Experimental Test Pilot.
9/50-9/51	Northrop Aircraft, Chief, Experimental Flight
	Test.
9/51-1/53	Chance Vought Aircraft, Sales Manager.
1/53-7/55	Chance Vought Aircraft, Sales and Service
	Manager and Chief of Flight Test.
7/55-7/58	Chance Vought Aircraft, Vice President - Sales
	and Service and Chief of Flight Test.
7/58-8/59	Chance Vought Aircraft, Vice President -
	Washington Office.



	General Manager, Aeronautics Division.
8/61-10/63	Chance Vought Corporation, President.
10/63-4/64	Ling-Temco-Vought, Inc., Senior Vice
	President.
4/64-10/64	Ling-Temco-Vought, Inc., Executive Vice
	President - Aerospace Group.
10/64-1/65	Ling-Temco-Vought, Inc., Executive Vice
	President.
1/65-7/70	LTV Aerospace Corporation, President.
7/70-1/83	The LTV Corporation, Chairman of the Board
	and CEO.
1/83-1/84	Department of Defense, Deputy Secretary of
	Defense

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) Fighter Ace during World War II, all Japanese Zeros- Six total. Four probables.

2/84-Present Semi-retired Small Company Investor.

- (2) First pilot to use Martin Baker ejection seat when XF7U-1 caught fire during airshow at Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD (1949).
- (3) First pilot to exceed speed of sound in a Navy production fighter XF7U-1 (1949).
- (4) First pilot to demonstrate all structural and high Mach Number (MN) limitations of the XF6U-1 (1950).
- (5) First pilot to demonstrate all structural and high MN limitations of the XF-89 (1951).
- (6) First pilot to have barrel-rolled a Boeing 737.
- (7) First pilot to have flown the F-15, F-16, F-18, F-20, and the B-1B in 1983 while serving as the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (8) Flew around the world in a Cessna 414 with another pilot (Byrum Teekell) in 63 days with golf clubs.(1993 and age 73).
- (9) Established new around the world speed record for Learjet category aircraft with three other Learjet Captains in February, 1996 with 8 stops and average speed of 467.3 mph. (Age 76).
- (10) Still fly WW II Vought Corsair F4U-1D in public air shows.
- (11) Horatio Alger Award 1982.
- (12) University of Kansas Distinguished Service Citation.
- (13) General J. H. Dolittle Award Society of Experimental Test Pilots.
- (14) Kitty Hawk Award.
- (15) City of Hope Aerospace Man of the Year Award.
- (16) Doctor of Aeronautical Science Salem College.

- (17) Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.
- (18) National Exploring Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America.
- (19) Chairman of the Aerospace Industries Association.
- (20) Regional Vice President and Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers.
- (21) Board of Directors of Business Roundtable.
- (22) Chairman of the United Nations Association of the U. S.
- (23) Chairman of the National Corporate Board of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D. C.
- (24) Fellow in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.
- (25) Navy Experimental Test Pilots Hall of Fame USS *Yorktown*, 1994.