



**Gerald D. Tucker, Cdr. USN (Ret.)**  
 "Turkey"

Hometown: Navy Brat... San Diego since 1958

High School and College Career:

Mar Vista High, Imperial Beach, CA (1963)  
 University of Idaho BS(EE) Jan 1968

Dates on Active Duty:

01/24/1968 - 05/06/1975  
 06/26/1975 - 04/30/1988

Date Commissioned/Source:

January 23, 1968 - NROTC Regular

Date of Designation: 29 April, 1969

Total Flight Hours: 20,000+

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed Wing: 425  
 Day - 405 Night - 20

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: (15,000+) Prop: (200) VF/VA: (3200) VT: (300)

Combat tours:

VF-211, Nov 1970–May 1971, Feb 1972–Sep '72, Vietnam, F8J, F100F, TA4J

Combat missions: 241 – F-8J, 3 – F-100F, 8 – T-A4F

Awards:

Air Medal - Gold Star  
 Bronze Star, 14 Strike/Flight  
 Navy Commendation Medals w/Combat V  
 Vietnamese Service Medal - 3 Bronze stars  
 Meritorious Unit Citation  
 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry



**Duty Assignment Chronology**

68-69	Flight Training, VT1/7/4/26/NARMID
69-70	VF-126, VF-124 (F8 RAG)
70-72	VF-211(USS <i>Hancock</i> CVA-19), VF124
72-75	Blue Angels
75	Civilian (6 weeks) VF-126, VFP-63
75-76	VF-191 (USS <i>Oriskany</i> CVA-34)
76-78	V2 Division Officer (USS <i>Kitty Hawk</i> CV-63)
78-79	VF-124, Blue Angels
80-82	VF-124, VF-1 (USS <i>Ranger</i> CV-61)
82-86	CINCPACFLT
86-88	COMWEPTRAGRUPAC
88	Retired 04-30-88

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) CVW21 Top Ten (5 awards)
- (2) Initial Navy Laser missions.
- (3) Last F8 MIG encounter of the war. (MIG pilot ejected with no ordinance expended ... I scared him out ;-)
- (4) Two time assignment to Blue Angels.
- (5) Accident free Career.

**Summary of Post Military Work**

- (1) Airline pilot with Southwest Airlines. Forced retirement at age 60.
- (2) Flew corporate in the Challenger CL600 and CL601.
- (3) Speak to schools and civic organizations about Naval Aviation and my airshow experiences.

(4) Currently instructing ground school and simulator training in the Cessna CE560XL

### **Personal**

(1) Resides with his wife of 48 years Debby and their two dogs in Bonita, California.

(2) They have two children:

a. Sean who is married to Corrine with one son (Zach) who live in San Diego.

b. Kristi who is married to Brian with two sons (Will and Dylan) who reside in Lone Tree, CO