



Jay B. Yakeley, Rear Admiral USN (Ret.)
"Jay"

Date of Designation: 1967

Dates of Active Duty: 1966 - 1999 - 33 years

Total Flight Hours: 6,500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,250

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: 125 combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-114

CO, VF-124

Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN)

Carrier Air Wing Fourteen

Commander Carrier Group THREE

Deputy Commander Joint Task Force Southwest Asia

Combat Awards:

7 Air Medals

Navy Commendation Medal with combat "V"

Non combat awards

Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Navy Distinguished Service Medal,

Legion of Merit with three gold stars,

Meritorious Service Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

Born in Phoenix, Arizona, He graduated with a BS degree in Economics from Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, and an MS degree in Economics from the University of New York at Stony Brook, NY.

Designated a Naval Aviator in 1967, he accumulated over six thousand five hundred flight hours, 1,250 Carrier landings and over 125 combat missions in Fighter aircraft. Upon his



return from Vietnam in 1972, he was assigned as the first F-14 TOMCAT acceptance Test Pilot at Grumman Aerospace in Calverton, NY. He has commanded an F-14 Tomcat squadron, VF-114, the F-14 Replacement Training Squadron, VF-124, the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), and Carrier Air Wing Fourteen, during Desert Shield/Storm.

His Staff tours in the Pentagon have been in the Programming, Planning and Budget arena, first as Head, Air Warfare Analysis section, and later, as a Flag Officer, Director, Navy Programming and Director, Navy Program Information Center. He was responsible for the Department of the Navy's \$105 Billion/year budget and their \$675 Billion FYDP program.

He was the Senior Military Officer in the White House as Deputy Director of the White House Military Office, where he served both Presidents Bush and Clinton,

Operational Flag Officer tours include Deputy Commander Joint Task Force Southwest Asia, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Commander, Carrier Group THREE, ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group and Director for Operations (J-3) United States Pacific Command during a turbulent time, including the China/Taiwan crisis.

- (4) Demonstrated first live bomb drop (22,500 lb bombs) from F4H-1 at New River, NC, 24, 25 and 26 Apr. 1961.
- (5) Flew first non-stop, unrefueled transcontinental flight in F4H-1, 10 Apr. 64 (MCAS El Toro to MCAS Cherry Point).
- (6) First American to fly British Harrier, High-performance V/STOL aircraft on 25 Oct. 1968, at Dunsfold Airdrome, England.
- (7) Performed first inflight thrust vectoring maneuvers for air-to-ground and air-to-air tactics in Harrier in Oct.-Nov. 1968.
- (8) Oldest pilot (55 yrs.) to fly YF-17 (F-18 prototype) on 26 Jun. 1978 at Edwards AFB, CA.
- (9) Holder of Naval Aviation's Gray Eagle Award 1978-1979.
- (10) Holder of Marine Corps Aviation's Silver Hawk Award 1978-1979.
- (11) Awarded Paul E. Heueter Memorial Award for significant contribution to VTOL aircraft development.
- (12) Awarded United Kingdom's coveted John Curtis Wilkenson Sword Award for significant contribution to Anglo-American aerospace cooperation.