



Jay A. Campbell, RADM USN (Ret.)
"Rabbit"

Hometown: Born in Washington D.C. at the end of WWII and moved back across the country to my parents' origin in Southern California at the age of 8 months. Grew up in the communities of Upland, Whittier and Downey California. Home of Record is Downey, CA. Graduated from Downey Senior High School in 1963, lettering in varsity water polo and swimming, became a surfer and was recognized as a California Scholarship Federation Life Member.

Attended UCLA on a scholarship as a Regular NROTC Midshipman, continued to play water polo, winning the "national championship" by going undefeated in my junior and senior year. Of the original 52 Regular Midshipmen who began with the unit, I was the only commissioned Ensign accepted for flight training of the remaining 19 who graduated in the class of 1967.

Date of Designation: 2 December 1968 N/A# V-27377

Dates of Active Duty: 18 Aug 1967 - 31 January 2002

Total Flight Hours: 5,628

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,261

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,568 Prop: 150 VF/VA: 5,250 VT: 250
VS: 80 Other HS: 20

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-191, Jun. - Dec. 1970 USS *Oriskany* (F-8J)
VF-191, Jun. - Dec. 1971 USS *Oriskany* (F-8J)

Desert Storm: CAG-2, Jan. - Mar. 1991 USS *Ranger* (F-14A, A-6E, S-3B)



Total Combat Missions: 163

Vietnam: 140 (F-8J)

Desert Storm: 23 (F-14 A, A-6E)

Aviation Commands:

CO VF-2, Aug. 1985 - Jan. 1987 (F-14A)

CO VF-101, Aug. 1987 - Dec. 1988 (F-14A, F-14B)

Commander CVW-2, Feb. 1990 - Jul. 1991 (F-14, A-6, S-3, SH-3, EA-6B, E-2C)

Commander CARGRU 7, Feb. 1998 - Oct. 1999 (F/A-18C, S-3, SH-60)

Awards:

Defense Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with one Gold Star

Bronze Star w/Combat "V"

Air Medal, 5 Strike/Flight Air Medals

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with one Gold Star

Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat "V"

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Navy Unit Commendation

Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation

Navy "E" Ribbon

Navy Expeditionary Medal

National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Star

NATO Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

08/67-12/67 Flight Prep, SERE and Naval Air Primary Training Command, Pensacola, FL. (DUINS) (T-34B).

12/67-05/68 Jet Basic Training Command, NAS Meridian, MS (DUINS) (T-2A).

05/68-07/68 Air-to-Air Gunnery and CARQUAL, NAS Pensacola, FL (DUINS) (T2B).

07/68-12/68 Jet Advanced Training Command, NAS Chase Field, Beeville, TX (DUINS) (TF-9).

12/68-02/69 Operation Feedback-Recruiting NAS Los Alamitos, CA.

02/69-12/69 VF-124 Fleet Replacement Pilot, NAS Miramar, CA (F-8H/J).

12/69-01/72 VF-191 Legal/Avionics Officer/Aircraft Division Officer NAS Miramar, CA (F-8J).

01/72-09/72 VF-124 F-8 FRS(RAG), Avionics/Weapons Division Officer, NAS Miramar, CA (F-8H/J, A-4E Adversary).

09/72-05/74 VFP-63, F-8 FRS(RAG), Combat Training Officer, NAS Miramar, CA (F-8H/J, A-4E Adversary).

05/74-03/75 VF-124 Fleet Replacement Pilot NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A).

03/75-09/77 VF-14 Weapons Training Officer/Safety Officer, NAS Oceana, VA (F-14A).

09/77-04/80 VX-4 Operational Test Director, NAS Pt. Mugu, CA (F-14A, F-4J, TA-4, C-1/US-2).

04/80-10/80 VF-124 Fleet Replacement Pilot, NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A).

10/80-04/82 VF-213 Maintenance/Operations Officer, NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A).

04/82-11/83 Navy Fighter Weapons School, "Top Gun", XO, NAS Miramar, CA (F-5E/F, T-38, A-4E/F).

11/83-03/84 VF-124 Fleet Replacement Pilot, NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A).

03/84-08/85 VF-2 XO, NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A).

08/85-01/87 VF-2 CO, NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A).

01/87-08/87 NAVAIRPAC Fighter Training/Readiness Officer and Air Target Officer, (DIFOPS) (F-14A).

08/87-12/88 VF-101 CO, NAS Oceana, VA (F-14A/B).

12/88-02/90 COMNAVAIRPAC (DIFOPS) (F-14A).

02/90-07/91 COMCAW-2, NAS Miramar, CA (F-14A, A-6E, S-3A, SH-3, EA-6B, E-2C).

07/91-06/92 Industrial College of the Armed Forces (DUINS).

06/92-12/93 Commander, Sixth Fleet, Chief of Staff. Gaeta, Italy

12/93-06/95 Office of the CNO, Executive Assistant to DCNO, Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments (OPNAV N-8) The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

06/95-01/98 U.S. European Command Deputy Director, Plans and Policy, J-5, Stuttgart, Germany.

01/98-02/00 Commander, Carrier Group SEVEN, USS *Nimitz* (CVN-68), USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN-74), NAS North Island, CA (F-18C, S-3B, SH-60).

02/00-01/02 U.S. Central Command, Director, Plans and Policy, J-5, Tampa, FL.

01/02 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 1975/77 - Top Hook Award USS *Kennedy* during first operational deployment of F-14 from the East Coast to the Mediterranean Sea and North Atlantic.
- (2) 1980 - Developed Tactics and procedures, then conducted first Operational Test firing of a Phoenix (AIM-54) versus a low altitude, anti-ship cruise missile.
- (3) 1983 - Participated in the evaluation and effectiveness study of F-16 as the next generation Adversary Aircraft for TOPGUN, Navy Fighter Weapons School.
- (4) 1985/86 - Top Hook Award USS *Ranger*. Refined long-range, sustained Air Defense Tactic conducted in total EMCON, and executed in NORPAC transit to the Sea of Japan.
- (5) Jul. 1989 - Achieved 3000 hours in the F-14 and 1000 carrier landings during night CARQUAL on the same flight.
- (6) 1991 - Led the first Air Wing 2 Strike in Desert Storm during the pre-dawn hours of 17 Jan 91. USS *Ranger* (CV-61)/CVW-2 operated as the Night Carrier/Air Wing, flew 19 consecutive night combat missions, culminating in night traps. Devised and flew tank/artillery hunter-killer tactic to combine use of mixed load CBU/LGB to maximize lethality of missions assigned to Kill Boxes.
- (7) 1991 - Tailhooker of the year as CAG-2 during Desert Storm.
- (8) 1997 - Flew with Slovakian Air Force Chief in MIG-29.
- (9) 2003 - Elected to Tailhook Association Board of Directors -- 2004 Selected as Chairman of the Board.

Post Active Duty

Returning to our home in the community of Leucadia, CA, established Campbell Consulting in 2002 and simultaneously worked as a Director for SYS Technologies, providing C4ISR services for SPAWAR. Continued to work with SPAWAR when SYS was acquired by Kratos Defense

and Security until 2015. Transitioned solely to consulting services with the Ventura County Regional Defense Partnership for the 21st Century (RDP-21), serving as their liaison with San Diego based Navy and Marine Corps leadership. Continue on a somewhat less frequent basis to surf with the local 'Gentlemen's Hour' crowd.

I met the love of my life, Faith at a dance in my first week at UCLA. On the best day ever, married her on June 15 1968, and from the very beginning she was "my girl in every port" from WestPac and the Indian Ocean to the North Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea. A career elementary school teacher, Faith taught and was an administrator in the Encinitas Union School District for 40 years and was a pillar of the community where I am known only as Mrs. Campbell's husband.

Associations/ Boards

Tailhook Association Life Member, former Board Member, former Chairman
Association of Naval Aviation Life Member, former Board Member
National Museum of Naval Aviation Association Member
Navy League Life Member
Naval Order of the United States Life Member
Top Gun Association Life Member
UCLA Alumni Association Life Member
Naval Institute Member
Former Board of Governors, EPNAA
Local Post 416 American Legion Member

