



John J. Mazach, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)
 “Maz”

Date of Designation: 21 October 1967

Dates of Active Duty: June 1966 - 1 January 1999

Total Flight Hours: 4,050

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,127

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,940 Prop: 110 VF/VA: 3,940

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-87, 1969-1970 USS *Ticonderoga* (CV-14) (A-7B)

Mediterranean: (Lebanon) CVW-3, 1983-1984
 USS *J. F. Kennedy* (CV-67) (F-14B, A-6E)

Desert Storm: CO, USS *America* (CV-66), 1990-1991

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-15, Dec. 1979 - Jun. 1980 (A-7E)
 COMCVW-3, Feb. 1982 - May. 1984 (F-14B, A-6E)
 CO, USS *Seattle* (AOE-3), May 1986 - Feb. 1988
 CO, USS *America* (CV-66), Oct. 1989-May 1991 (F/A-18C)
 COMCARGRU TWO, Jun. 1993 - Sep. 1994 (F/A-18C)
 COMNAVAIRLANT, Mar. 1966 - Dec. 1998 (F/A-18C)

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross

Bronze Star

Air Medal with Numeral “8”

Navy Commendation Medal with Combat “V”

Duty Assignment Chronology

9/63 Midshipman, U.S. Naval Reserve, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps.
 6/66-4/67 Naval Air Basic Training Center,
 4/67-10/67 NAAS, Chase Field, Beeville, TX (DUINS)
 10/67-6/68 VA-174, Replacement Pilot (A-7A/B).
 6/68-12/70 VA-87, Flight/Maintenance Officer (A-7B).



12/70-6/73 Bureau of Naval Personnel (Aviation LCDR/Junior Officer Detailer).
 6/73-1/74 VA-174, Replacement Pilot (A-7E).
 1/74-5/76 VA-105, Maintenance/Operations Off. (A-7E).
 5/76-6/77 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL (DUINS)
 6/77-12/77 VA-174, Replacement Pilot (A-7E).
 12/77-4/79 XO, VA-15 (A-7E).
 4/79-6/80 CO, VA-15 (A-7E).
 6/80-8/81 Naval Military Personnel Command (Asst. Head, Aviation LCDR/Junior Officer Assignment Branch) (NMPC-432).
 8/81-2/82 Naval Military Personnel Command (Head, Aviation LCDR/Junior Officer Assignment Branch) (NMPC-432).
 2/82-7/82 Commander, Carrier Air Wing 3 (TEMDU).
 7/82-5/84 Commander, Carrier Air Wing 3 (F-14B/A-6E).
 5/84-1/86 Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet (Training Officer).
 1/86-4/86 Bureau of Naval Personnel (DUINS) Surface Warfare Officers School Command (DUINS).
 5/86-2/88 CO, USS *Seattle* (AOE 3)
 2/88-10/89 Commander CruiserDestroyer Group 8 (Chief of Staff).
 10/89-5/91 CO, USS *America* (CV 66) (F-18C/D).
 5/91-6/93 USEUCOM (Deputy Director for Plans & Policy) J5.
 6/93-9/94 Commander Carrier Group TWO (F-18C).
 9/94-3/96 Office of CNO (Director, Strategy and Policy Division) (N51).
 3/96-12/98 Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (F/A-18C).
 1/1/99 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) As junior officer in first squadron assignment, introduced A-7B computer bombing to Air Force Forward Air Controllers (FACs) in Vietnam combat operations.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (2) Led VA-15 "Valions" to two Battle Efficiency Awards and one CNO Safety Award during CO tour.
- (3) As Air Wing Three Commander, planned and led first U. S air combat action ever launched in the Mediterranean and first air combat missions ever flown from USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV67).
- (4) Provided CAG One pilots tactical combat briefs during Desert Storm while CO USS *America* (CV66) as one of only two (CAG was the other) combat experienced pilots embarked. Also acted as Battle Force Red Sea Liaison for embarked CRUDESGRU CMDR..
- (5) Flew F/A-18C (single seat) with all active F/A-18 squadrons on east coast during tour as Commander Naval Air Force US Atlantic Fleet (CNAL) including weapons detachments at Fallon, NV and all tactical employment phases of training.