



CDR Gregory R. Peairs, USN (Ret)
 “Shifty”

Hometown: Sacramento, CA

High School and College Career:

Grant Union High School – 1967
 University of California Davis – 1968
 U.S. Naval Academy – 1972 (B.S. EE)
 University West Florida – 1975 (MS Aero Systems)

Dates on Active Duty: 07 Jun 72 01 Aug 97

Date Commissioned/Source: 1972 USNA

Date of Designation: 26 Jan 1976

Total Flight Hours: 4551

FA-18: 1810 A-7E/TA-7C: 2031 All Others: 710

Total Jet: 4422 Total Prop: 129

Other Aircraft Flown: T-34B, T-2C, TA-4J,
 T-39D, O-2A, T-28

Carrier/Ship Landings: 633 (Nine Carriers)

Combat support tour: Desert Shield

Command: CO VFA-25 May 90-Sep 91

Awards:

Meritorious Service Medal (3)
 Navy Commendation Medal (2)
 Navy Achievement Medal
 Vietnam Service Medal
 National Defense Service Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

1968-1972 U.S. Naval Academy
 1972-1974 USS *Waddell* (DDG-24)
 1974-1976 VT-4 (Student Naval Aviator)



1976 VA-122 (Fleet Replacement Pilot)
 1976-1979 VA-97 (JO)
 1979-1982 VA-122 (IP)
 1980-1982 A-7E Weapons School Instructor
 1982-1985 VA/VFA-25 (Department Head)
 1985-1988 Strike Fighter Wing Pacific (Staff)
 1988 VFA-125 (IP)
 1988-1991 XO/CO VFA-25
 1992-1993 Navy Nuclear Power School (Student)
 1993-1995 XO CVN-72
 1995-1996 Naval Strike Warfare Center
 1996-1997 Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center
 (Operations Officer)
 01 Aug 1997 Retired from Active Duty

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) USNA Battalion Commander
- (2) Post winging LSO School @ NPA prior to VA-122
- (3) VA-97 (Must Pumped) A7E Section/Division Lead/
 Squadron LSO Weapons Training Officer. Two A-7
 Cruises (CVN-65)
- (4) Department Head/Overall Coordinator for the Light
 Attack Weapons Employment Course ((LAWE).
 Heavily involved in developing and teaching advanced
 Light Attack Tactics to include of Low Altitude Training
 Tactics for the Light Attack Community at NAS
 Lemoore. First A-7E graduate of the USMC Weapons
 and Tactics Course @ MAWTS-1 MCAS Yuma, AZ.
- (5) Department head in the second A7E squadron (VA-25)
 to transition to the FA-18. One A-7 Cruise (CV-61)
 and one (First Hornet Cruise) (CV-64). During the
 turnaround as Operations Officer coordinated tactical
 development of FA-18 prior to deployment. Qualified
 Strike Leader. Served as Maintenance Officer on the
 first Hornet Cruise.

- (6) Served as the Fleet Project Team Chairman while on the SFWP Staff. In this capacity coordinated, evaluated and certified all Navy and Marine Strike Fighter Simulator Upgrades with the goal of the Sims “flying” like the aircraft. Additionally coordinated and facilitated all West Coast (Navy and Marine) inputs that led to changes in the FA-18 Mission Computer Loads.
- (7) As CO for VFA-25 nominated for VADM James B. Stockdale Leadership Award. While embarked on CV-62, we were the first Military Assets in theater (3 days after the Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait). From the Gulf of Oman immediately began flying missions and were on high alert in case the Iraqis decided to invade the Saudi oil fields.
- (8) Selected for the Navy Nuclear Power Program
- (9) Executive Officer USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN-72) Nov 93-Nov 95
- (10) Initial Cadre and Point Man for the standup of the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (NSAWC). Coordinated efforts to combine three commands (NSWC/TOPGUN/CAEWWS) into one command.
- (11) Graduate of the NFWS Adversary Course
- (4) Life Member of Fist of the Fleet Association
- (5) Member American Legion
- (6) Tailhook Association Board of Directors 1997-2007
- (7) Tailhook Educational Foundation Board of Directors 2016-Current
- (8) Truckee Tahoe Soaring Association Board 2015-2020 (President 2019-2020)
- (9) Currently reside in Truckee, CA where I enjoy photography, competitive alpine ski racing, mountain biking, paddleboarding, golf and flying one of my personal airplanes visiting friends around the USA.

Post Military/Aviation Work

- (1) General Aviation Pilot (2 aircraft) 1976-Current
- (2) Director of Flight Operations Corporate Flight Department 1997-2002
- (3) FedEx Flight Crew 2004-2014
- (4) Part time Corporate Pilot 2017-2021
- (5) Commercial Glider Pilot 1996- Current
- (6) Total Flight Time (Military + Civilian) 14,000 +
- (7) Longest Serving Air Boss for the National Championship Air Races (14 years). In that position, was responsible for the coordination and safe operation for all Air Race Flight Operations.

Personal

- (1) Life Member Tailhook Association
- (2) Life Member Association of Naval Aviation
- (3) Life Member of A-7E Corsair II Association

