



**J. Charles Plumb, Capt. USNR (Ret.)**  
 “Plumber”

Date of Designation: 1 November 1965.

Dates of Active Duty: June 1964 - February 1974.

Dates of Reserve Duty: February 1974 - February 1991.

Total Flight Hours: 5,225 (military and civilian).

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 125

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 675 Prop: 4,550 VF: 275 VT: 265 VA: 175

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-114 onboard USS *Kitty Hawk* 1966-1967  
 POW North Vietnam - 1967-1973

Total Combat Missions: 75 missions in F-4 Phantom.

Aviation Commands:

Reserve CO, Readiness Command Region 18.  
 Reserve CO, Intermediate Maintenance Facility.  
 Reserve CO, USS *Coral Sea*, Norfolk, Va.  
 Reserve CO, Lemoore, CA F/A-18 Airwing.

Combat Awards:

Silver Star  
 Legion of Merit  
 Bronze Star  
 2 Purple Hearts  
 3 Air Medals  
 Navy Commendation Medal  
 POW Medal

### Duty Assignment Chronology

1960-1964 USNA BS, Engineering.



1964-1965 Navy Flight Training  
 T-34, T-2J, F-9, F-11.  
 1965-1966 F-4 Phantom RAG.  
 1966-1967 VF-114 USS *Kitty Hawk*  
 Div. Off., Sched. Off., LSO.  
 1967-1973 POW Vietnam.  
 1974-1977 A-4 Attack Squadron  
 Pentagon with ESGAR  
 F/A -18 Wing Lemoore, Ca.  
 1989-1991 USS *Coral Sea*.

### Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Marched in JFK inauguration.
- (2) Marched in JFK funeral.
- (3) Flew first adversarial flights (F-9F) in the development of Navy Fighter Weapons School.
- (4) Tested Aim9D's on PMTR.
- (5) Served as Admiral Stockdale's POW communications officer.
- (6) POW Chaplain 1970-1973.
- (7) Audie Murphy Award.
- (8) Commissioning team *USS Stockdale*.
- (9) Decommissioning team USS *Kitty Hawk*.

### Summary of Significant Post Career Events

- (1) Author of "[I'm No Hero](#)" (in its 32nd printing).
- (2) Top 10 speakers in America.

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Summary of Significant Post Career Events continued

- (3) Speaker Hall of Fame.
- (4) Fourth of July speech is in the Congressional Record.
- (5) Veterans for McCain campaign.
- (6) Owns and flies a PT-19 Fairchild and an experimental Long-EZ.
- (7) Married to Susan Plumb (the Wind Beneath My Wings), father of 4, grandfather to 3.