



**Captain Jesse Stewart USN (Ret.)**  
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High School and College Career:

College High School, Western KY State College, Bowling Green, KY; attended Vanderbilt University and graduated USNA June 1961

Dates on Active Duty: June 1961-July 1991

Date Commissioned/Source: USNA June 1961

Date of Designation: 6 December 1962

Total Flight Hours: 2867

Jet: 2450 (VF/VA 1866), Prop: 370

Carrier/Ship Landings: 564

Combat tours:

Vietnam: 1964-1965 F8D

USS *Kitty Hawk* and USS *Midway*

Combat missions: 92

Command:

PMA-259 (Merged Phoenix Missile and Sidewinder/Sparrow Programs) Major Command

Awards:

Legion of Merit

10 Air medals

2 National Defense Service medals

Navy Unit Commendation

Navy "E" Ribbon

Navy Commendation Medal W "V" device

Vietnam Service Medal

Republic of Vietnam Campaign

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

08/56-05/57 Vanderbilt Univ. NROTC



- 07/57-06/61 Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. MD
- 07/61-12/62 Flight Training: NAS Pensacola, FL., NAAS Meridian, MS and NAAS Beeville, TX
- 01/63-01/66 VF-111
- 02/66-10/66 US Naval Test Pilot School
- 10/66-11/69 Service Test Division
- 11/69-12/70 Naval Air Reserve, Andrews AFB MD
- 12/70-12/72 Assistant Chief Engineer, S3A Aircraft, Naval Air Systems CMD HQ, Wash. DC
- 01/73-12/75 VF-11, NAS Oceana and USS *Forrestal*
- 12/75-12/77 Fighter Branch, OPTEVFOR HQ, Norfolk VA
- 01/78-06/79 US Naval Postgraduate School (Financial Mgt.) Monterey CA
- 08/79-08/82 Sidewinder Class Desk, Naval Air Systems Command
- 09/82-06/83 Industrial College of Armed Forces
- 07/83-01/86 Naval Air Warfare (OP506 staff)
- 02/86-02/91 Program Manager, Air-to-Air Missiles (PMA 259)

**Associations/Membership/Boards:**

- (1) 08/91-09/16 Professor of Program Management, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, VA
- (2) 06/02-12/15 Aviation Week Acquisition Working Group, DoD Representative (Industry Best Practices Working Group)
- (3) 06/15/17 Inducted into Defense Acq. Univ. Hall of Fame, Ft. Belvoir VA
- (4) 01/70-present Assoc. Member, Society of Experimental Test Pilots

**Personal**

- (1) 12/64 Married Sue