



Paul H. Speer, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)
 “Paul”

Date of Designation: 25 February 1950 NA # T-444

Dates of Active Duty: August 1946 - August 1983

Total Flight Hours: 5,200

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 848

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,800 Prop: 1,300 Helo: 100 VF/VA: 5,100

Combat Tours:

Korea: VF-172, USS *Essex* (CV-9), 1951 - 80 missions

Vietnam: XO/CO, VF-211, USS *Hancock* (CV-19)/USS *Bon Homme Richard* (CV-31), 1965, 1966 and 1967 - 150 missions.

Vietnam: CarGru THREE (AirOps) - Various Carriers

Vietnam: Commander Air Wing 14, USS *Constellation* (CV-64), 1970.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-211 (F-8 Crusaders), 1966 - 1967

Commander, Air Wing 11 (F-4, A-7, A-6, etc.), 1969

Commander, Air Wing 14 (F-4, A-7, A-6, etc.), 1970

CO, USS *Constellation* (CV-64), 1973 - 1974

Commander, Carrier Group ONE, 1976 - 1977

Combat Awards:

Navy Cross

3 Distinguished Flying Crosses

Bronze Star with Combat “V”

23 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

1948-1950 Flight Training (Midshipman).

1950-1951 VX-3, NAS Atlantic City, NJ.

1951-1952 VF-172, NAS Jacksonville, FL.



1952-1954 Flight Instructor, Pensacola, FL.
 1954-1956 USS *Bon Homme Richard* (CV-31).
 1956-1958 VF-111, NAS Alameda, CA.
 1958-1960 VF-124, NAS Moffett Field, CA.
 1961-1962 University of California, Berkeley, CA.
 1962-1964 Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
 1965-1967 XO/CO, VF-211 (F-8), NAS Miramar, CA.
 1967-1968 Carrier Group THREE.
 1969-1970 CAG 11 & 14 (F-4, A-7, A-6).
 1970-1972 OPNAV Pentagon (OP-501).
 1972-1973 CO, USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC-19).
 1973-1974 CO, USS *Constellation* (CVA-64).
 1974-1976 Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Japan.
 1976-1978 Commander, Carrier Group ONE.
 1978-1981 OPNAV Pentagon (OP50/O5B).
 1981-1983 SACLANT, Chief of Staff.
 9/83 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) 1950 - Designated Naval Aviator Number T-444 Flying Midshipman. Reported to VX-3, Atlantic City, NJ.
- (2) 1951 - Married Jenny B. Nagy of McKeesport, PA. First combat deployment of F2H Banshee - VF-172.
- (3) 1957 - Member VF-111 Aerial Gunnery Team - USN/USMC Champions.
- (4) 1967 - Shot down MIG-17E in aerial combat over Hanoi.
- (5) 1970 - Engaged MIG-21s while CAG-14.
- (6) 1974 - Selected for Flag Rank.
- (7) 1976 - Attended First Class of Senior Officers' Material Readiness Training at Idaho Falls, ID.