



**Charles L. Burbage, Captain, USN (Ret.)**  
 "Mike"

Date of Designation: 2 January 1944 NA # P-8971

Dates of Active Duty: 1 December 1935 - 30 June 1971

Total Flight Hours: 7,500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 475

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,500 Prop: 4,500 VR/VP: 1,500

Combat Tours:

WW II: OOD, USS *Detroit* moored at Ford Island on December 7, 1941.

USS *Detroit*, Aleutian Campaign, Jun. 1941 - Mar. 1943.

WW II: VF-5, (F4U & F6F) USS *Franklin* (CV-13), Okinawa Campaign, Feb. 1945 - Mar. 1945 - 3 combat missions.

Vietnam: CO, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42) Jul. 1965 - Sep. 1965.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VFB-80, Apr. 1945 - Sep. 1946.

CO, VF-22, Sep. 1946 - Oct. 1947.

Commander, Air Group 19, Jul. 1955 - Jul 1957

CO, USS *Canisteo* (AO-99), Jul. 1961 - Aug. 1962.

CO, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42), Jul. 1965 - Sep. 1966.

Combat Awards:

Bronze Star

### Duty Assignment Chronology

12/35 Boot Camp and USS *Cincinnati*.  
 10/36-7/37 U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School, Norfolk, VA.



7/37-2/41 Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis.  
 2/41-3/43 USS *Detroit*.  
 3/43-1/44 Flight training, Dallas, TX and Pensacola, FL.  
 1/44-6/44 Flight Instructor, NAS Vero Beach, FL.  
 6/44-4/45 VF-5 flying the F4U and F6F aircraft.  
 4/45-9/46 XO and CO, VBF-80 flying the F4U and F6F.  
 9/46-10/47 CO, VF-22 flying the F4U and F8F.  
 10/47-4/49 Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C.  
 4/49-10/50 NAS Anacostia, Washington, D. C., flying the F4U, F6F, SNB and PBO.  
 10/50-4/53 XO, VR-22 flying the R4D and R5D.  
 4/53-7/55 Aviation Officer Detailer, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C.  
 7/55-7/57 Commander, Air Group 19, flying the FJ-3, F9F-6, F9F-8, F2H-3 and AD.  
 7/57-7/58 Naval War College, Student.  
 7/58-9/59 XO, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42).  
 9/59-7/61 CNO Staff (OP-431K).  
 7/61-8/62 CO, USS *Canisteo* (AO-99).  
 8/62-8/65 Aviation Officer Detailer, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C.  
 8/65-9/66 CO, USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42).  
 9/66-3/69 Chief of Staff, COMNAVAIRPAC, San Diego, CA.  
 3/69-6/71 CO, NATTC, Memphis, TN  
 6/30/71 Retired from active duty.

### Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) OOD and anti-aircraft Gunnery Officer in USS *Detroit*, moored at Fox 13 at Ford Island just forward of USS *Raleigh* and USS *Utah* during Pearl Harbor attack, and was eyewitness to entire attack.
- (2) Was aboard USS *Franklin* (CV-13) when she was hit, losing 900 men on March 19, 1945, while bombing targets in Japan.
- (3) Set Navy record of 9.4 hours in FJ-3 (same aircraft) in one day while with CAG-19.