



**James L. Holloway III, Admiral, USN (Ret.)**  
 “Jim”

Date of Designation: 31 January 1946

Dates of Active Duty: 17 June 1942 - 31 June 1978

Total Flight Hours: 2,700\*

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 202

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,000\* Prop: 1,700 VF/VA: 2,300  
 VR/VP: 200 VT: 200

Combat Tours:

WW II: USS *Ringgold* (DD-500), 1942 - 1943.

USS *Bennion* (DD-662), 1943 - 1945.

Korea: VF-52 (F9F-2) 1951 - 1953 - 55 missions.\*

Vietnam: USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65), 1965 - 1967.

COMSEVENTHFLT, 1970 - 1972.

\* Lost log books. Figures are best estimate.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-52, 1953. (Took command as XO when CO shot down).

CO, VA-83, 1956 - 1958.

CO, USS *Salisbury Sound* (AV-13), 1962 - 1963.

CO, USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65), 1965 - 1967.

COMCARDIV SIX, 1970 - 1972.

CTF-60, 1972

COMSEVENTHFLT

CNO, 1974 - 1978

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross

Bronze Star (Combat “V”)

3 Air Medals

2 Navy Commendation Medals (Combat “V”)



### Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Gunnery Officer of destroyer USS *Bennion* in WW II battle of Surigao Straits when *Bennion* credited with sinking Japanese battleship with torpedoes and destroyer with gunfire, and shooting down three Japanese fighters.
- (2) Took command of VF-52 (F9F-2) in Korea when CO was shot down.
- (3) Flew lead aircraft in Paramount Film "The Bridges at Toko Ri".
- (4) Commanded VA-83 (A4D-2) on extended single 11 month deployment to Sixth and Seventh Fleets (January 1958-December 1958) which included covering Lebanon landings, Middle East border patrols, Suez transit in USS *Essex* and assigned 7th Fleet in Formosa Straits during Kemoy-Matsu crisis.
- (5) Executive Assistant to VADM Pirie (DCNO - Air).
- (6) Commanded USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65) in Vietnam for two full combat deployments. First nuclear powered warship in combat. Won PACFLT "E" for carriers and 6 of 7 departmental "E"s.
- (7) As Director, Strike Warfare Division in OPNAV (1968), created CV Concept and Functional Base Loading Plan (all VF at one base all VA at another, etc.). Appointed first Nuclear Powered Carrier Program Coordinator (1969) as additional duty.
- (8) As COMCARDIV SIX and CTF-60, commanded forces in Eastern Mediterranean (1970) responding to Syrian invasion of Jordan. Covered evacuation of MASH unit from Amman.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (9) As Commander, Seventh Fleet (1970-1972), directed carrier strikes in joint air operations which led to cease fire. Subsequently conducted mine clearing operations in Haiphong Harbor as condition of permanent cease fire.
- (10) As CNO (1974-1978), responsible for F-18 Hornet.
- (11) Chairman, Defense Task Force investigating Iran hostage rescue operation.
- (12) Association of Naval Aviation:  
President - 1980  
Chairman - 1987
- (13) Technical Advisor (in credits) of movie "TOP GUN"  
(1985).
- (14) Director, Presidents Task Force on Terrorism (1985).
- (15) Modern American Patriot Award (Triennial) from Sons of the American Revolution (1995).
- (16) National Award for Outstanding Civilian Leadership - Navy League (1997).