



Frederick C. Turner, VADM, USN (Ret.)

“Fox”

Date of Designation: 21 December 1943 NA # P-8564

Dates of Active Duty: 21 July 1942 - 1 July 1979

Total Flight Hours: 5,315

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 460

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,000 Prop: 1,800 VF/VA: 400
VT: 300 Other: Light Aircraft - 500 hours

Combat Tours:

WW II: VF-82, VF-17A, Apr. 1944 - Jul. 1945,
- 28 Missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-32, Oct. 1961-Jun. 1962
CAG-3, Sep. 1962 - Jul. 1963
CO, USS *America* (CVA-66), Jul. 1967-Oct. 1968
Chief, Naval Air Advanced Training, Nov 1968 - Aug. 1970
COMCARDIV 2 (CTF-60), Jul. 1972 - Jun. 1974
COMSIXTHFLT, Aug. 1974 - Aug. 1976

Combat Awards:

Legion of Merit with Combat “V” (Vietnam)
Distinguished Flying Cross
3 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

9/42-12/43 Flight Training, Pensacola, FL.
12/43-3/44 Operational Training, Melbourne, FL.
4/44-6/47 VF-82, VF-17A
6/47-11/49 Naval Test Center, Patuxent River, MD.
Tactical Test, Test Pilot School.
1/50-12/50 Empire Test Pilots School, Farnborough,
England
1/51-1/52 VX-3, NAS Atlantic City, NJ.
2/52-8/53 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. PA.



8/53-4/54 Navy Line School, Monterey, CA. -Student.
5/54-6/56 VA-83, NAS Oceana, VA.
7/56-8/58 CINCLANTFLT Staff, Norfolk, VA.
8/58-2/59 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.-
Student.
2/59-8/61 Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C.
8/61-10/61 VF-174 Replacement Pilot Training, NAS
Cecil Field, FL.
10/61-6/62 CO, VF-32, NAS Cecil Field, FL.
9/62-7/63 CAG-3, NAS Cecil Field, FL.
9/63-6/64 Industrial College of the Armed Forces
(ICAF), Washington, D.C.
7/64-6/65 CARDIV 6 Staff, Mayport, FL.
9/65-6/67 CO, USS *Sandoval* (APA-194), Norfolk, VA.
7/67-10/68 CO, USS *America* (CVA-66), Norfolk, VA.
11/68-6/60 CNAVANTRA, Corpus Christi, Texas
7/70-6/72 Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C.
7/72-6/74 COMCARDIV-2, CTF 60, Athens, Greece.
7/74-8/76 COMSIXTHFLT, Gaeta, Italy.
9/76-7/79 DCNO (Air Warfare), Washington, D.C.
7/79 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) F2H "Banshee" project test pilot at Tactical Test Division. During B-36 and Navy flap, took pictures of Washington, D.C. from 51,000 feet. Raced the sun (for 1950 issue of LIFE magazine) from coast to coast. The sun won!
- (2) Student in the first test pilot class at Patuxent River, MD.
- (3) Graduated No. 2 in class at Empire Test Pilots School, Farnborough, England.
- (4) Led the AirLant Fleet Introduction Program for the F7U-3 Cutlass. Formed a Cutlass flight demonstration team, "The Dandy Ganders". Performed over the USS *Forrestal* when she was commissioned.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (5) Demonstrated the F8U-1 on the French carrier "Clemenceau". Went to Paris and helped sell the F8U to the French Navy.
- (6) Led the first TA4-J introductory formation flight into the Advanced Training Command in Corpus Christi, Texas.
- (7) In the Pentagon, was the Navy sponsor for the F/A-18.
- (8) Was the last Navy WW II carrier pilot to leave active duty: July 1979.