



George A. Aitcheson, RADM, USN (Ret.)
 "George"

Date of Designation: 18 December 1953 NA # T-3928

Dates of Active Duty: 12 June 1952 - 1 July 1985

Total Flight Hours: 6,751

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 782

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 6,000 Prop: 500 Helo: 28

VR/VP: 150 VT: 300

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: XO, VF-191 aboard USS *Oriskany*, Jun. 1969 - Nov. 1969. - 62 combat missions.

Vietnam: CO, VF-191 aboard USS *Oriskany*, May 1970- Dec. 1970. - 86 combat missions.

Vietnam: Commander CVW-15 aboard USS *Coral Sea* (CV-43), Mar. 1973- Sep. 1973. - 23 combat missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-191, May 1970 - May 1971.

CO, CVW-15, Mar. 1973 - Apr. 1974.

CO, USS *Sacramento* (AOE-1), Mar. 1975 - Jul. 1976.

CO, USS *Coral Sea* (CV-43), Mar. 1977 - May 1978.

Commander, Carrier Group 7, Jun. 1981 - Jul. 1983.

Combat Awards: (Vietnam)

7 Air Medals

Bronze Star with Combat "V"

Duty Assignment Chronology

6/52-12/53 Flight Training (NAS Pensacola, Kingsville, and Corpus Christi).
 1/54-5/54 Jet Transition Training, NAS Kingsville, TX.
 5/54-2/56 VF-192, USS *Oriskany*, NAS Moffett Field.



2/56-6/56 Flight Instructor, Fleet All Weather Training Unit, NAS Moffett Field, CA.
 6/56-2/58 USN Reserve Squadron, NAS Alameda, CA.
 2/58-10/58 Flight Instructor, Fleet All Weather Training Unit, NAS Moffett Field, CA.
 10/58-6/59 Student, USN Test Pilot School, Naval Air Test Center (NATC) Patuxent River, MD.
 6/59-6/61 Test Pilot, Weapons Systems Test, NATC Patuxent River, MD.
 6/61-11/61 VF-124, F-8 Crusader Training, NAS Miramar, CA.
 11/61-2/64 VF-141 and VF-53, NAS Miramar.
 2/64-8/64 Flight Instructor, VF-124, NAS Miramar.
 8/64-7/65 Student, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI.
 7/65-10/67 Instructor, USN Test Pilot School, NATC Patuxent River, MD.
 10/67-12/69 USS *Intrepid*, NAS Norfolk, VA.
 1/69-5/69 F8 Refresher Training, VF-124, NAS Miramar
 5/69-5/71 XO and CO, VF-191, NAS Miramar and USS *Oriskany*.
 5/71-8/71 Staff, COMFAIRMIRAMAR, NAS Miramar.
 8/71-6/72 Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA.
 6/72-1/73 CAG Refresher Training.
 2/73-3/74 Commander, CVW-15, NAS Miramar and USS *Coral Sea*.
 3/74-3/75 Staff, COMNAVAIRPAC, NAS North Island, CA.
 4/75-8/76 CO, USS *Sacramento* (AOE-1), Bremerton, WA.
 9/76-2/76 Ship Engineering Training, Idaho Falls, ID.
 3/77-5/78 CO, USS *Coral Sea* (CV-43), NAS Alameda, CA.
 6/78-10/79 Staff, CINCPAC, Camp Smith, HI.
 10/79-5/81 Staff, CINCPACFLT, Honolulu, HI.
 5/81-7/83 Commander, Carrier Group SEVEN, Alameda and North Island, CA.
 7/83-7/85 OPNAV Staff (Pentagon), Washington, D. C.
 7/1/85 Retired from active duty.

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Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Graduate of Navy Test Pilot School, Class 22. During tour as project pilot/project manager , 1958-1961, flew over 25 different aircraft. Evaluations included F-3H, F-4, A-4 series, FJ-4B, S-2, T-2J and F-8.
- (2) On second tour at Naval Air Test Center, taught flying qualities and performance. Flew single engine prop aircraft, multi-engine prop, turbo-prop, jet and helicopters. Ran Navy "Quick EVAL" on the F-5E. Visited European test centers and flew British, French and Swedish aircraft. Member of Swedish DRAKEN Order.
- (3) After Navy career, spent two years (1990-1991) as civilian test pilot. Aircraft utilized include F-4C and F-4D, F-100, F-86, and "T-bird" (T-33). Flew project for Navy, Air Force and civilian aerospace contractors.