



**James E. Dorsey Jr., VADM, USN (Ret.)**  
 “Yank”

Date of Designation: 25 October 1956 NA # V-10530

Dates of Active Duty: 23 March 1955 - 1 July 1991

Total Flight Hours: 4,747

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 931

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,262 Prop: 250 Helo: 25 VF/VA: 4,213/50  
 VR/VP: 40 VS: 10 VT: 160

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: CAW-2 (F4J), Nov. 1968-May 1969, USS *Ranger*  
 CAW-2 (F4J), Nov. 1969-May 1970, USS *Ranger*  
 VF-21 (F4J), Nov. 1972-May 1973, USS *Ranger*  
 Total 226 combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-121, Dec. 1971 - Mar. 1972  
 CO, VF-21, Jun. 1973 - Jul. 1974  
 CO, VF-121, Jul. 1974 - Mar. 1976  
 CO, USS *Caloosahatchee* (AO-98), Apr. 1978 - Dec. 1979  
 CO, USS *America* (CV-66), Feb. 1981 - Aug. 1982  
 COMCARGRU 4, Mar. 1984 - Aug. 1985  
 Commander, Third Fleet, Jan. 1989 - Jul 1991

Combat Awards:

1 Air Medal (Individual)  
 12 Air Medals (Strike/Flight)

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

10/56-2/59 Fighter Squadron 61.  
 2/59-2/61 Fighter Squadron 41.  
 2/61-1/63 Fighter Squadron 101 - LSO.  
 1/63-11/64 Fighter Squadron 102 - LSO.  
 11/64-11/65 Fighter Squadron 101 - LSO.



11/65-12/67 US Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. (DUINS).  
 12/67-7/68 Fighter Squadron 121 (DUINS).  
 7/68-7/70 Attack Carrier Air Wing TWO (Operations Officer and LSO).  
 7/70-12/71 XO, Fighter Squadron 121.  
 12/71-2/72 CO, Fighter Squadron 121.  
 2/72-5/72 Fighter Squadron 121 (DUINS).  
 5/72-6/73 XO, Fighter Squadron 21.  
 6/73-7/74 CO, Fighter Squadron 21.  
 7/74-3/76 CO, Fighter Squadron 121.  
 3/76-5/76 Staff, COMNAVAIRPAC (DUINS).  
 5/76-4/78 XO, USS *Midway* (CV-41).  
 4/78-12/79 CO, USS *Caloosahatchee* (AO-98).  
 12/79-4/80 Bureau of Naval Personnel (DUINS).  
 4/80-2/81 COMNAVAIRLANT (Assistant C/S and Deputy C/S for Readiness).  
 2/81-8/82 CO, USS *America* (CV-66),  
 8/82-3/84 Defense Communications Agency (Director Joint Program Office).  
 3/84-8/85 Commander, Carrier Group FOUR.  
 8/85-9/87 Headquarters, U.S. European Command (Director of Operations, J-3).  
 9/87-1/89 Office of the CNO (Assistant DCNO, Plans, Policy and Operations (OP-06B)).  
 1/89-6/91 Commander THIRD Fleet.  
 7/1/91 Retired from active duty.

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Participated as instructor pilot in introducing F4 to Navy.
- (2) LSO during 4 tours.
- (3) CO of first large deck carrier to transit Suez canal.

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### Activities Since Military Retirement

Since departing active Naval service, has been self employed and has consulted for the Center for Naval Analysis, Raytheon Corporation, TRW Corporation, BETAC Corporation, Grumman Aircraft Corporation, Norden Systems, and is an Associate of Burdeshaw Associates, LTD.

Has served for over three years as the co-chairman of the Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council. In this capacity is recalled to active duty each year for several weeks and works to maintain and enhance the rights and benefits of both active duty personnel and retirees. Also is a member of the DOD Retiree Council and meets with OSD and senior active duty persons who formulate retiree policy for the Secretary of Defense.

Additionally, is life member of TROA, The Fleet Reserve Association, The Association of Naval Aviation, National Naval Aviation Museum and the Pax River Naval Test Center Aviation Museum. Also, has served as a member of the board of directors of two civic organizations.