



Donald B. Edge, Captain, USN (Ret.)
"Don"

Date of Designation: 10 July 1947

Dates of Active Duty: 7 June 1944 - 30 June 1974

Total Flight Hours: 4,246

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,615

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,102 Prop: 3,146 VF/VA: 2,842

Combat Tours:

Korea: VC-3 (F4U5N), Jan. 1953 - Jul. 1953, 58 combat missions.

Vietnam: COMCVW-14 (F4B), Aug. 1964 - Nov. 1964, 34 combat missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-213, Sep. 1960 - Jul. 1961

COMCVW-14, Mar. 1964 - Mar. 1965

CO, USS *Kawishiwi* (AO-146), Jan. 1967 - Feb. 1968

CO, NAS North Island, Jun. 1970 - Jul. 1972

Combat Awards:

4 Air Medals

2 Meritorious Service Medals

Legion of Merit

Duty Assignment Chronology

1/46-11/47 Flight Training, (Student), NAS Corpus Christi, Pensacola, Jacksonville and Norfolk (N2S, SNJ, SNB, PBY, SB2C).

11/47-12/49 NAF Charlestown, RI., Personnel/Material Officer, (SB2C, AD-2).

1/50-2/52 Pensacola, Flight Instructor (SNJ)

3/52-6/55 VC-3, NAS Moffett, Personnel Officer (F6F, F9F, F2H3).



7/55-7/58 University of Nebraska, Associate Professor (SNB).

7/58-6/59 Stanford University, Student/Master of Arts Degree in Education (SNB).

7/59-12/59 NAS Miramar, RAG Student (F3H2).

12/59-2/61 XO/CO, VF-213, NAS Moffett (F3H2).

2/61-8/63 USS *Bon Homme Richard* (CVA-31), Air Operations Officer (SNB, C-1).

9/63-2/64 RAG Training/PCAG, NAS Lemoore, Whidbey, Miramar (A-4, A-3 Fam and F-4).

3/64-3/65 COMCVW-14, Miramar and USS *Constellation* (F-4).



4/65-2/67 JCS, Pentagon, J-3 Action Officer (T-28).

2/67-2/68 CO, USS *Kawishiwi* (AO-146) (SNB, C-1).

2/68-6/70 COMNAVAIRPAC Staff (Pers-60, Operations/Training-03 (SNB).

6/70-7/72 CO, NAS North Island, CA. (SNB).

7/72-6/74 Chief of Staff, COMCARDIV THREE, NAS Alameda and USS *Ranger* (SNB).

7/1/74 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

Donald B. Edge, born in Laverne, Iowa, March 23, 1922, was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy, Class of 1945. He received his Navy Wings on June 7, 1947.

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

His first assignment as a Navy Pilot was with VA-94, and in 1950 he returned to Pensacola for two years as a flight instructor.

In March 1952 he reported to VC-3 and during the Korean Conflict deployed on the USS *Philippine Sea* and later USS *Hornet*. He was awarded the Air Medal with three Gold Stars in lieu of three additional awards for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight."

July 1955 through June 1958 Captain Edge was Associate Professor of Naval Science at the University of Nebraska. He then attended the Graduate School of Stanford University where he received his Master of Arts Degree in Education in June 1959. He served as Executive Officer and later Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron 213, and completed two years duty on USS *Bon Homme Richard* in September 1963.

In March 1964, Captain Edge became Commander, Attack Carrier Wing FOURTEEN embarked in USS *Constellation*. As a result of the Wing's activities in the Gulf of Tonkin during the period August 2 - 5, 1964, the Wing was awarded the Navy Commendation and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

He reported in March 1965 to the Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for "meritorious service as a staff operations officer in the Pacific Division, Operations Directorate, Joint Staff, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from March 1965 through January 1967." He was "instrumental in developing, in coordination with other government agencies, concepts, plans, and operations procedures for command and control of air strikes against North Vietnam."

In February 1967, Captain Edge assumed command of USS *Kawishiwi* and then reported to the Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet as Force Personnel Officer March 1968 and ultimately the Force Readiness Officer. The Meritorious Service Medal was awarded the Captain for "outstanding meritorious service while serving as Force Readiness Officer." He distinguished himself by supervising the development and implementation on long range development-overhaul schedules for the Pacific Fleet Carriers, scheduled to deploy to the Western Pacific in direct support of Combat Operations in Southeast Asia.

Captain Edge assumed command of Naval Air Station, North Island on 2 July 1970; His next assignment is as Chief of Staff, COMCARDIV THREE.

Captain Edge has been awarded the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, the American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Philippine Defense Service Medal with one star, Navy Occupation Service Medal, China Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with device.

Captain Edge is married to the former Beverly Beale Feldmann of Minneapolis, Minnesota. They have four children: Deborah, Donald, Diane and Dorian.

Aircraft flown include:

N2S, SNJ, SB2C (3-4-5), AD-2, SNB, F6F, F4U5N, C-45, C-1, F2H3, F3H2, F-4B, PBY, F9F, A-4 (B-C-E).