

CAPT. Maurice D. Fitzgerald, USN (Ret.) "Fitz"

Date of Designation: May 1956

Active Duty: September 1954 - July 1986

Total Flight Hours: 4,123

Carrier/Shipboard Landings: Fixed Wing: 743

Approx. Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,400 Prop: 720 VF/VA: 3,100 VT: 500 Other: 520

#### **Combat Tours:**

Vietnam: USS Constellation, VA-144, July 1964-Feb 1965 Vietnam: USS Ticonderoga, VA-144, Aug 1965-Mar 1966 Vietnam: USS Hancock, VA-55, Oct 1970-Jun 1971 (XO) Vietnam: USS Hancock, VA-55, Dec 1971-June 1972 (CO) Total Combat Missions: 398

### Commands:

CO, VA-55, July 1971 - June 1972

CO, NAS Glenview IL, July 1977 - August 1979

COMNAVBASE, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

CO, NAS & CO, NAVSTA Gtmo -3 Hats. March 1981 - December 1983

#### Combat Awards/Flight Performance Awards:

4 Distinguished Flying Crosses

Bronze Star

40 Air Medals (38 Strike/Flight, 2 Individual)

5 Navy Commendation Awards w/combat "V"

Combat Action Ribbon

2 Navy Unit Commendations

2 Meritorious Unit Commendations

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/ Bronze Star

## Non-combat Awards:

- 3 Legion of Merit
- 2 Meritorious Service Medals
- 2 Navy Commendation Awards



# **Duty Assignment Chronology**

9/54-5/56	Flight Training: Pensacola FL & Beeville, TX.
	(SNL T-28, TV-2, F9F).

5/56-9/58 VF-194 F2H-3 (Night Fighter Squadron) NAS Alameda, USS *Kearsarge* (CVA 33).

9/58-8/60 COMFAIRALAMEDA Operations Dept. and Admirals Aide (TF-1).

8/60-8/62 Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA. Student (T2J, SNB, T-28).

8/62-2/64 VT-4 Flight Instructor (Gunnery), Sherman Field, NAS Pensacola (T2J).

2/64-7/64 VA-125 RAG Student NAS Lemoore (A4).

7/64-6/66 VA-144 Dept. Head, NAS Lemoore, CA., USS *Constellation* and *Ticonderoga* (A4C) 2 Combat Deployments

6/66-1/67 VA-125 NAS Lemoore RAG Instructor (A4). 1/67-1/70 CINCPACFLT, Asst. Air Operations Officer

 CINCPACFLT, Asst. Air Operations Officer (Rolling Thunder) Pearl Harbor, HI (US2-B).

1/70-5/70 VA-44 RAG Student, NAS Cecil Field, FL

5/70-6/72 VA-55 XO/CO, NAS Lemoore, USS *Hancock*, 2 combat deployments (A4F).

6/72-6/73 National War College, Washington D. C. (1973)

6/73-5/76 WHITE HOUSE, Office of the President. (Presidents Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, PFIAB).

5/76-7/77 Chief of Naval Operations, Plans & Policies Division (OP-605D) & Special Projects.

7/77-8/79 CO NAS Glenview, Ill.

8/79-3/81 U S Naval Academy, Annapolis, Director of Candidate Guidance and Admissions.

3/81-11/83 COMNAVBASE GTMO, CO NAS, CO NAVSTA.

11/83-7/86 Naval Technical Training Command, Deputy and Chief of Staff, Memphis TN

7/1/8 Retired from Active Duty

12/89-9/01 Attorney General of Washington, Deputy of Administration. Retired in 2001.

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# **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Born in Mansfield, Washington and attended Gonzaga University, Spokane WA. Entered the Navy as a NavCad and started Flight Training in 1954. Went from Flight Training to a Night Fighter Squadron (VF-194, F2H-3 'Banchee' aircraft at NAS Alameda, CA). Squadron trained its own pilots. Deployed on USS *Kearsarge*, (CVA-33) for 10 month cruise (WestPac and Indonesia). Transitioned from 'paddles' to 'mirror' carrier landings during long deployment.
- (2) Four combat cruises to S.E. Asia (64-66 and 70-72). 398 combat missions.
  - Involved in early strikes against North Vietnam, (VA-144)
  - Received CNAP Battle "E" award (VA-55)
  - Alfa Strike Leader
- (3) CinCPacFlt, Pearl Harbor (Jan. 67 Jan. 70, Asst. Strike Forces Officer Asst. Air Ops Officer) for three years. He presented high-level briefings on Navy air and sea combat operations and plans to CINCPAC and Gov't officials.
  - "In 1967, as a member of a joint Planning group, Commander Fitzgerald developed tactics for and weaponeered every target in the Navy area of responsibility, and presented the CINCPACFLT concept to Commander in Chief Pacific (CINCPAC). His nonabridged briefing was presented to the President of the United States at Guam. From 1967 to April 1969,

Commander Fitzgerald analyzed and presented operational evaluations covering combat operational concepts, accomplishments, Navy tactics, future plans, requirements, and operational recommendtions to CINCPAC. He was a key planner in develoing the Isolation Plan for selected North Vietnamese targets and presented numerous briefings to Senate Committees, the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Vice President. He was the planner for contingency plans subsequent to the PUEBLO and EC-121 incidents".... awarded MSM.

< CINCPACFLT was ADM Roy L. Johnson / ADM John Hyland (Deputy, Ops./Plans was RADM Jig Dog Ramage.) -- CINCPAC was ADM U.S.G. Sharp / ADM John McCain.>

- (4) Spent three years on the White House Staff. (E/A) Worked for three Presidents in 3 years (73-76). Nixon, Ford and Carter. (Presidents Foreign Intelligence Advisor Board) ADM George W. Anderson USN (Ret.) was Chairman of the Board. Oversight of US Intelligence Agencies' pertaining to all Foreign Intelligence plans and operations (Joint and Foreign Intelligence Sub-specialty). Awarded LOM.
- (5) Two sons and one grandson graduated from the Naval Academy. Classes of: '80', '81' and '10'.
- (6) After Navy retirement, he worked for the Attorney General of Washington as Deputy of Administration. Olympia, WA, (State Capital). Retired in 2001 after 12 years.

## Family

Ltjg Fitzgerald married Marylen Powers of Seattle WA in the NAS Alameda Chapel in March, 1957. Sons: Michael, USNA '80'; Steve USNA "81'.Daughter: Kerry, RN (ICU), U of Washington Medical Center, Seattle. Six grandchidren. Their home is Edmonds, Washington. Married 53 years.