



**Howard E. Greer, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)**  
 "Howie"

Date of Designation: 21 November 1945 NA# C-28306

Dates of Active Duty: 9 June 1943 - 1 April 1978

Total Flight Hours: 5,292

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 418

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,073 Prop: 3,219 VF/VA: 2,510  
 VR/VP: 1,615 VS: 76 VU/VFP: 780 VT: 251  
 Other: Centurion - *Leyte* (F8F), *Coral Sea* (F2H) and  
*Shangri La* (A4)

Combat Tours:

WW II: *USS Princeton* (CVL-23), Aug. 1943 - Oct. 1944, as ship's officer in Gilbert Islands, Tarawa, Roi, Namur, Eniwetok, Palau, Guam, Saipan, Battle of Philippine Sea and Rabaul campaigns.

Vietnam: Four tours with Seventh Fleet during Vietnam 1964 - 1972. Yankee Station commander (CTG-77.0) during all of Linebacker I campaign in 1972.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-64 (F3H), 1957 - 1958  
 Commander, CAG-10 (*USS Shangri La*), 1961 - 1962  
 CO, *USS Hancock* (CVA-19), 1968 - 1969  
 Commander, CARDIV THREE, Feb. 1972 - Sep. 1972  
 COMNAVAIRLANT, Feb. 1975 - Apr. 1978

Awards (Non-combat):

2 Distinguished Service Medals  
 4 Legions of Merit  
 Navy Commendation Medal  
 Pacific Theater WW II Ribbon with 9 Battle Stars  
 Vietnamese Distinguished Service Award



**Duty Assignment Chronology**  
 (\* combat deployment)

6/40-6/43 Midshipman, US Naval Academy, Annapolis.  
 6/43 Commissioned Ensign.  
 6/43-9/43 Operational Training, Florida.  
 9/43-10/44 \**USS Princeton* (CVL-23) - Pacific Fleet.  
 Promoted to LTJG (9/44).  
 11/44 -3/45 NAS Ottumwa, Iowa. Duty under instruction.  
 3/45-11/45 NAS Corpus Christi, TX.  
 11/45-5/46 NAS Miami. Promoted to LT (3/46).  
 6/46-7/46 Carrier Qualification, Jacksonville, FL.  
 7/46-7/48 VF-7A (*USS Leyte*) Quonset Point, RI.  
 8/48-7/49 OPNAV(OP-50), Navy Department,  
 Washington, D. C.  
 8/49-2/50 COMFAIRJAX Staff, Jacksonville, FL.  
 3/50-8/51 OPNAV (Aide to DCNO (Air)).  
 9/51-9/52 VF-62, *USS Coral Sea*.  
 10/52-7/53 SIXTH Fleet Staff.  
 8/53-5/54 Naval War College (Command & Staff).  
 Promoted to LCDR (1/54).  
 6/54-6/56 NAS Jacksonville (Assistant Operations  
 Officer).  
 7/56-5/57 Executive Officer, VA-214, Moffit Field.  
 6/57-6/58 Commanding Officer, VF-64, *USS Midway*.  
 Promoted to CDR (1/58).  
 7/58-11/59 COMCARDIV 7, Operations Officer.  
 12/59-7/60 VF-101, Operations Officer, NAS Key West.  
 8/60-5/61 Industrial College of the Armed Forces.  
 6/61-8/62 Commander, CAG-10, *USS Shangri La*.  
 9/62-7/64 COMNAVAIRLANT (Operations/Air Wing  
 Training. Promoted to CAPT (7/63).  
 8/64-8/66 \*COMSEVENTHFLT (Assistant Chief of  
 Staff (ACOS) Operations).  
 8/66-8/67 \*Commanding Officer, *USS Ponchatoula*  
 (AO-148).  
 8/67-9/67 COMFAIRALAMEDA - Special Assistant.  
 11/67-2/69 \*Commanding Officer, *USS Hancock* (CVA-  
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### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

3/69-11/69 COMNAVAIRPAC - Chief of Staff. Promoted to RADM (11/69)  
12/69-2/72 Commander, NAVAIRRESFOR.  
3/72-9/72 \*Commander, CARDIV THREE.  
9/72-2/75 CINCPACFLT - Deputy for Operations and Plans. Promoted to VADM (2/75)  
2/75-4/78 COMNAVAIRLANT - Commander.  
4/1/78 Retired from active duty.

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Writer for Admiral Arthur Radford when he testified before Congress during the "Revolt of the Admirals" - 1949.
- (2) Introduced Sparrow III to Fleet with F3H-2 in 1957.
- (3) ACOS for Operations and Plans for Seventh Fleet for first two years of Vietnam War, 1964 - 1966.
- (4) Served as Tactical Commander during all air operations by naval forces in Linebacker I campaign 1972 including mining of Haiphong in May 1972 as Yankee station commander.