



CAPT Paul D. Stephenson, USN (Ret.)
 "Paul"

Date of Designation: 26 April 1957 No. V-1223904

Dates of Active Duty: 17 January 1956 - 31 July 1986

Total Flight Hours: 6,042

Carrier/Ship Landings: 1,000 (Day: 850, Night: 150)

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,542 Prop: 500 VF/VA: 4,000

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65), November 1966 - July 1967, 111 Combat Missions

Vietnam: USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65), January 1968 - July 1968, 94 Combat Missions

Vietnam: USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34), June 1972 - March 1973
 198 Combat Missions

Total Combat Missions: 403

Aviation Commands:

VA-153, July 1972 - July 1973

CVW-21, June 1974 - December 1975

VX-5, January 1979 - March 1981

CO NAS Cubi Point, RP, April 1981 - August 1983

Combat Awards:

403 combat missions Vietnam War

2 Distinguished Flying Cross Medals

3 Individual Air Medals

38 Strike Flight Air Medals

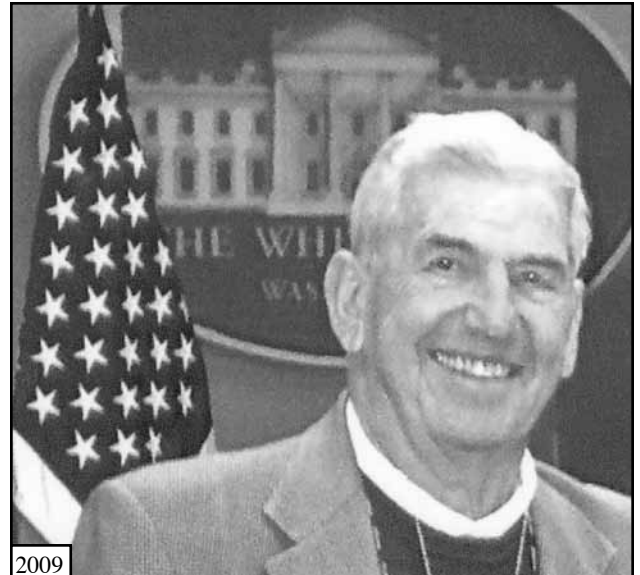
2 Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V"

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with gold and silver stars

Duty Assignment Chronology

1/56-1/57 Primary flight Pensacola (SNJ, T-34, T28)
 CarQual on USS *Saipan* (SNJ).



1/57-5/57 Advanced training Kingsville, TX (TV-2,F9F5).
 5/57-8/59 VA-192 WestPac, USS *Bon Homme Richard*
 (CVA-31) (F9F8, FJ4B).
 8/59-8-61 VA-216 WestPac USS *Lexington* (CVA-16)
 (FJ4B).
 8/61-2/63 USAF Exchange Luke AFB Advanced Gunnery
 Instructor (F86, F84).
 4/63-3/64 Navy Post Graduate School (Engineering
 Science) (T2J, T28).
 3/64-11/65 ComFairWestPac, Atsugi, Japan, (Aide/Flag
 Lieutenant) (A4).
 11/65-8/68 VA-56, Maintenance Officer, USS *Enterprise*
 (CVN-65). 2 consecutive Vietnam deployments.
 8/68-7/70 Naval Missile Center, Pt. Mugu, CA. Project
 Officer A7E BIS, Guided Missile Trials (A7E,
 A4).7/70-7/71 Naval War College
 7/71-12/71 VA-125 A7 RAG Student (A7).
 12/71-6/72 XO VA-153, USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34), Vietnam
 (A7A).
 6/72-6/73 CO VA-153, USS *Oriskany* (CVA 34), Vietnam
 (A7A).
 6/73-1/74 COMLATWINGPAC, Operations Project
 Officer.
 1/74-5/74 CVW Training (A4F, F8).
 5/74-1/76 CVW-21 Commander, USS *Hancock* (CVA-19)
 WestPac, Eagle Pull, Vietnam (A4F, F8).
 1/76-11/78 OPNAV OP-982E, Head, Strike Warfare
 Section.
 1/79-4/81 CO VX-5 China Lake, CA (A4, A7, A6).
 4/81-8/83 CO NAS Cubi Pt, RP (A4, A6, A7, C-12).
 8/83-7/84 CINCPACFLT, N30 Operations Officer,
 Makalapa, HI.
 7/84-7/86 Chief of Staff, Naval Weapons Center, China
 Lake, CA (A7, T38, C413, C404, A6).
 7/86 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Commanding Officer of VA-153 during 10 month last Vietnam Combat Cruise. Witnessed POW's safe return
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Summary of Significant Career Events continued
in March 1973.

- (2) Competed in the COMFAIRLEMOORE West coast A-7 squadrons Bombing Derby 2 months after return from combat cruise. Received the Golden Bomb individual award for Best Overall Delivery Pilot. Squadron received the Golden Bomb award for best squadron.
- (3) CO of the first carrier based squadron to receive THE ARLEIGH BURKE FLEET TROPHY. (1972-1973 Combat cruise).
- (4) Continued to support the policy of mining Haiphong harbor. A-7 delivery at max 300' and 300kts.
- (5) Commander CVW-21 during final cruise of both AirWing and USS *Hancock*. Participated in Vietnam evacuation (Eagle Pull). Last Navy F-8 and A-4 deployments. Decommission CVW-21.
- (6) Majority of shore duty involved procurement, development and testing of air delivered weapons, weapon systems and electronic countermeasures. Team leader of A-7E BIS team at Naval Missile Center conducting Guided Missile Trials. In response to Fleet request, attempted to develop night capability for Bull Pup missile---didn't work. Conducted production monitoring test on Anti-radiation missiles (Shrike) and missile warning systems.
- (7) Head, Strike Warfare Section of Tactical Air (OP-982E) was the development coordinator for the high-speed anti-radiation missile (HARM), A-6E target recognition attack multi-sensor (TRAM), A-7E FLIR and the A-4 angle rate bombing system and numerous R&D programs.
- (8) Commanding Officer VX-5. Conducted OPEVAL of F-18 Strike Fighter. Evaluated the initial GPS on A-6 aircraft. OPEVAL A-7 FLIR. Performed carrier suitability test for A-6/Harpoon (AGM-84A) on USS *Lexington*. Conducted the first airborne launch of a live warhead Harpoon from an A-6 against ex-USS *Duncan* target ship. Direct hit—sank. 30 JULY 1980. BN-LT Dave Nichols (now VADM).
- (9) Commanding Officer of NAS Cubi Point, RP. Provided shore based support for WestPac Navy and Marine Corps Squadrons.
- (10) CINCPACFLT ACOS OPS during KAL 007 shoot-down. Assisted Navy rescue efforts.
- (11) Chief of Staff for NWC China Lake, Ca. Continued flying project and support flights.
- (12) July 1986----was told to go home!!
- (13) Following Navy retirement worked 13 years for Texas Instruments, then Motorola as their Navy Marketing Manager.