



Seaman Recruit Jerry O. Tuttle receiving the American Spirit Honor Medal upon graduation from Recruit Training

1955



1993

Jerry O. Tuttle, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.) "Jerry"

Date of Designation: 17 October 1956

Dates of Active Duty: 8 Feb.- 1 Jul. 1955 (Enlisted)
1 Jul. 1955-16 Oct. 1956 (NAVCAD)
17 Oct. 1956-1 Jul. 1994 (Officer)
(date of commissioning - 1 Jul. 1956)

Total Flight Hours: Over 5,500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,025 plus a few more

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,260 Prop: 200 Helo: 40
VF: 1,500 VA: 3,730 HS: 40 VS: 30

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VA-15, Apr. 1966 - Nov. 1966 and
VA-15, Mar. 1967 - Oct. 1967. Embarked in USS
Intrepid for both deployments. Total 260 missions
(220 over N. Vietnam and estimated 40 over S.
Vietnam during Apr. 66 - Nov. 66 deployment)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA 81, Feb. 1972 - Mar. 1973 (A-7E), NAS Cecil
Field/Mediterranean
CAG-3, Feb. 1974 - Feb. 1975 (F-4, A-7E, A-6E, E-2C,
SH-3, S-2), Cecil Field/Mediterranean
CO, USS *John F. Kennedy*, May 1977 - Dec. 1978 (CVW-1)
COMCARGRU 8, Jun. 1981 - Apr. 1983
COMCARGRU 2/Battle Force Sixth Fleet, May 1983 - Aug
1984 Naples, Italy.

Combat Awards:

3 Distinguished Flying Crosses
23 Air Medals (5 individual and 18 strike/flight awards)

Duty Assignment Chronology

2/55-4/55 Recruit Training Command Great Lakes.
Recruit. Won "American Spirit Honor Medal".
4/55-7/55 Training Center, Treasure Island, CA. Student
7/55-10/56 Aviation Training Command. Student.
Received Wings on 17 October 1956.
10/56-6/60 VF-112/VA-112, NAS Miramar, San Diego,
CA. Aviator. Held every billet in Fighter and
Attack Squadron except CO and XO.
6/60-6/62 USNPG School, Monterey, CA. Student.
Attended Postgraduate and Under Graduate
School simultaneously. Carried 29 hour/term.
Degree in Communications Engineering
6/62-1/65 OPNAV (OP- 94), Washington, D. C. Ops/
Comm. Project Officer for "Tacamo" project.
1/65-2/65 VA-44. Student.
8/65-2/68 VA-15. Maintenance Officer & Combat Pilot.
2/68-7/68 VA-44. Instructor Pilot.
7/68-7/69 Naval War College. Student Attended George
Washington University. Received Master's
Degree in International Relations.
7/69-8/70 CINCPACFLT, Hawaii. Aide & Flag LT.
8/70-3/71 XO, VA-174.
3/71-3/73 XO/CO, VA-81.
3/73-2/74 COMNAVAIRLANT. Prospective Air Wing
Commander/Special Projects.
2/74-2/75 Commander, CVW-3.
2/75-4/75 USS *Kalamazoo* (AOR-6). Under Training.
4/75-8/76 CO, USS *Kalamazoo* (AOR-6).
8/76-12/78 CO, USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67).
12/78-7/79 Office of the CNO, Special Assistant.
7/79-6/81 DIA, Deputy Assistant Director.
6/81-4/83 Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT.
4/83-8/84 Commander, CARGRU/TWO/CTF 60/Battle
Force 6TH FLT.
8/84-11/85 Navy Inspector General.
11/85-5/87 CINCLANTFLT, Deputy Chief of Staff.
5/87-5/89 JCS, Director, J-6.
5/89-1/94 OP-094/N-6, Director.
1/94 Retired from active duty. (- Continued -)

List of Promotions with effective date of rank:

Enlisted	Feb 55
NAVCAD	Jul 55
ENS	1 Jun 56
LTJG	1 Dec 57
LT	1 Jun 60
LCDR	1 Jun 64
CDR	1 Jun 69
CAPT	1 Jul 74
RADM	1 Aug 80
VADM	1 May 87

Family

VADM Tuttle is married to the former Barbara Bonifay of Pensacola, Florida. They have five children: Michael, Vicky, Mark, Stephen and Monique.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Assigned to first F-3H Demon Squadron in 1956 and to the first A-7E Squadron (VA-81) in 1971.
- (2) Number eight pilot to make 1,000 arrested landings.
- (3) Navy Gray Eagle from June 1993 to January 1994.

Other Awards and Recognition

He is a member of the Defense Science Board, a member on the Board of Directors for the USO-Metro, and a member of the Board of Advisors to the Superintendent of the Naval Postgraduate School.

His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (3); Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit (4); Distinguished Flying Cross (3); Meritorious Service Medal (2); Air Medal (23); Navy Commendation Medal (4); and numerous campaign awards.

He received the 1978 Navy League's John Paul Jones Award for inspirational leadership, the 1983 Association of Old Crow's Award for his contributions to electronic warfare, and the 1984 Annual Tailhook Award for his contributions to Naval Aviation. He was 1989's AFCEAN of the Year for his contributions to the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, and received the 1991 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence Award for his contribution to the overall effectiveness to the C3I Systems. He received the AFCEA 1992 Jon L. Boyes award for major contributions to that organization. He was chosen as one of Federal Computer Week's "1991" and "1992 Federal 100" for his impact on government computer systems. He received the Washington Space Business Roundtable 1993 Excellence in Government Award. He was inducted into the Government Computer News Information Resource Management Hall of Fame in 1993 and received the 1994 American Astronautical Society Military Astronauts Award. In 1995, he was awarded the French "Commandeur de l'Order National du Merite" medal by the President of the Republic of France for his efforts in promoting greater interoperability between the U.S. and French Navies.