



**John A. Chalbeck, Captain, USN (Ret.)**

Date of Designation: 27 June 1947

Dates of Active Duty: June 1944 - November 1977.

Total Flight Hours: 7,500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 600 Rotary: 10

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,000 Prop: 2,000 Helo: 500 VF/VA: 4,000

Combat Tours:

Korea VF-721 (F9F), Mar. 1951-Sep. 1951. 55 missions

Vietnam: CVW-10 (A4), Jul. 1968-Jan. 1969. 60 missions

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-112, Jun. 1965-Jul. 1966, USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59).

COM CVW-10, Jan. 1968-Mar. 69, USS *Intrepid* (CVS-11).

Director Flight Test, Feb. 1971-Mar. 1975.

CO, NARU, Jacksonville, FL., Jun. 1975-Oct. 1977.

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross (Korea)

Distinguished Flying Cross (Vietnam)

Bronze Star (Vietnam)

10 Air Medals (5 Korea and 5 Vietnam)

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

- 6/44-6/47 Flight Training, Iowa City Preflight.  
NAS Glenview, IL; NAS Corpus Christi, TX  
and NAS Pensacola, FL.
- 7/47 AT-6 (F4U), NAS Cecil Field, FL.
- 11/47 VF-1A (F8F, F6F), NAS North Island, CA.  
USS *Tarawa* (CV-40).
- 7/48 VF-11; NAS Cecil Field, FL.
- 9/48 VF-721 (F8F), NAS Glenview, IL (Reserve).
- 6/49 VF-721 (F4U & F9F), NAS North Island, CA.  
USS *Boxer* (CV-21) Korea (Active Duty).



- 11/51 VRF-32, NAS North Island, CA.
- 7/54 TPS NATC Patuxent River, MD.
- 1/55 Armament Test ,NATC Patuxent River, MD.
- 7/56 USNPGS Monterey, CA ( Student).
- 6/57 USS *Yorktown* (CV-10).
- 7/59 VA-56 ( A-4), NAS Miramar, CA., and USS  
*Ticonderoga* (CVA-14).
- 1/61 Aviation Safety School, USC.
- 3/61 RCVW-12, NAS Miramar, CA.
- 6/64 VA-112 (A-4), NAS Lemoore, CA., and USS  
*Forrestal* (CVA-59).
- 8/66 Naval War College, Newport, RI.
- 6/67 NAVAIRLANT Staff, Norfolk, VA.
- 10/67 RCVW-4, NAS Cecil Field, FL.
- 1/68 COMCW-10, NAS Cecil Field, FL.
- USS *Intrepid* (CVS-11) Vietnam.
- 4/69 CNARESTRA, NAS Glenview , IL. (Staff)
- 1/71 Director, Flight Test, NATC Patuxent River.
- 6/75 CO, NARU Jacksonville, FL.
- 11/77 Retired from active duty.

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Qualified in 70 fixed wing and 8 Helos.
- (2) Armament Test, NATC Patuxent River (1955-1956):  
A4 - Armament Trials  
F7U - Special Weapons Evaluation  
F2H - Rock Air
- (3) Improved Carrier Lighting System. Assisted in design/  
development and testing of system. RCVW-12, 1964.
- (4) Flight Test, NATC Patuxent River (1971-1975):  
Fixed: (a) F4 Aims  
A4 Aims  
T39 Aims  
(b) TA-4 Spin Recovery Evaluation  
Helo: (c) AH-1J Engine Performance  
(d) UH-IN Auto Hover/Auto Pilot  
Development