



**Ted N. Branch, VADM, USN (Ret)**  
 “Twig”

Hometown: Long Beach, MS

High School and College Career:

Long Beach High School (1975)  
 US Naval Academy Class of 1979 (B.S. in Oceanography).  
 MA at Naval War College (92)  
 Navy Nuclear Power Training (99)

Dates on Active Duty: 30 May 1979 to 30 Sept 2016

Date Commissioned/Source: 30 May 1979 at USNA

Date of Designation: 7 August 1981 at NAS Meridian, MS

Total Flight Hours: 2976

Carrier/Ship Landings: 616

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet 2910, Prop 66, VA/VFA 2738

Combat tours:

Cold War: VA -15 Jun 82-April 85 Mediterranean A7  
 Operation Earnest Will USS *Forrestal* Dec 87-Dec 89 North Arabian Sea  
 Southern Watch: VFA-15 Jan 95- Apr 96 Arabian Gulf F18  
 Deliberate Force: VFA-15 May-Sep 95 Bosnia Herzegovina F18  
 Southern Watch: USS *John C. Stennis* Jul 99 – Apr 2001  
 Iraqi Freedom / Enduring Freedom: USS *Nimitz* May 04-Mar 07 F18

Combat missions:

Oct 83	Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada)	7
Dec 83	Airstrike in Lebanon	1
Apr May 95	Operation Southern Watch	10
May Sep 95	Operation Deliberate Force	26



Commands:

Commanding Officer	VFA-15	Jan 95 – Apr 96
Commanding Officer	USS <i>Coronado</i>	Apr 2001-Jul2002
Commanding Officer	USS <i>Nimitz</i>	Nov 2004-Mar 2007
Commanding Officer	CSG-1	Oct 2009 - Oct 2010
Commander	AIRLANT	Feb 2011- Jul 2013

Awards:

Distinguished Service Medal  
 Legion of Merit – 6 awards  
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
 Meritorious Service Medal – 2 awards  
 Air Medal with Strike Flight Numeral 1  
 Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V and 2 Gold Stars  
 Navy Achievement Medal  
 Campaign and Unit Awards

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

01/80-04/80	Training Squadron THREE (DUINS)
05/80-11/80	Training Squadron NINETEEN (DUINS)
11/80-10/81	Training Squadron SEVEN (DUINS)
10/81-06/82	Attack Squadron ONE SEVEN FOUR (Ready Replacement Pilot)
06/82-04/85	Attack Squadron FIFTEEN (Light Attack Pilot)
04/85-12/87	Attack Squadron ONE SEVEN FOUR (Weapons Training Officer)
12/87-12/89	USS <i>FORRESTAL</i> (CV-59) (Assistant Navigator)
12/89-05/90	Attack Squadron ONE TWO TWO (Fleet Replacement Pilot)
05/90-08/91	Attack Squadron THREE SEVEN (Maintenance Officer)
08/91-06/92	Naval War College, Newport, RI (Student)
11/92-12/92	Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA (Student)
12/92-10/93	Strike Fighter Squadron ONE ZERO SIX (DUINS)

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#### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

10/93-01/95 XO, Strike Fighter Squadron FIFTEEN  
01/95-04/96 CO, Strike Fighter Squadron FIFTEEN  
05/96-03/98 Joint Staff (J6)  
03/98-09/98 Naval Nuclear Power Training Command,  
Orlando, FL (DUINS)  
09/98-02/99 Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit,  
Charleston, SC (DUINS)  
02/99-07/99 Naval Reactors, Department of Energy,  
Washington, DC (Prospective Commanding  
Officer Refresher Course)  
07/99-04/01 XO, USS *JOHN C STENNIS* (CVN 74)  
04/01-07/02 CO, USS *CORONADO* (AGF 11)  
07/02-05/04 Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (Executive  
Assistant)  
05/04-03/07 CO, USS *NIMITZ* (CVN 68)  
03/07-08/07 Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific  
Fleet (Special Assistant)  
08/07-10/09 Office of the CNO (Director, Information  
Planning, Security Division, (N3 IPS)  
10/09-10/10 Commander, Carrier Strike Group  
ONE  
02/11-07/13 Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic  
Fleet  
07/13-08/16 Office of the CNO (Deputy Chief of Naval  
Operations for Information Warfare, Director  
of Naval Intelligence) (N2/N6)

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

- (1) Individual flying skills:
  - a. Combat experience as a LT in A7s during the early 80's.
  - b. Weapons and tactics instructor in the A7 FRS.
  - c. Hand-picked due to experience and reputation to sundown the A7 community.
  - d. Subsequent combat experience in Iraq (OSW) and Bosnia (DF).
  - e. Consistently a Top Ten ball flyer.
- (2) Aviation Leadership and Qualifications:
  - a. A7 and F18 FRS Instructor
  - b. Weapons and Tactics Instructor
  - c. Qualifications and designations: Strike Mission Commander and Division Leader
  - d. Battle E for aircraft carriers while in command of Nimitz
  - e. As AIRLANT, updated and significantly improved PXO pipeline training
- (3) Innovative aviation accomplishments:
  - a. Early implementation and tactics development for the HARM missile on A7's.
  - b. His F18 squadron was first combat use of the Standoff Land Attack Missile (SLAM)
  - c. Developed a reduced manning model for Nimitz class aircraft carriers.

#### (4) Other:

- a. Key role in producing a documentary film (Carrier) which enhanced Navy/aviation recruiting.
- b. As CSG-1, embarked multiple helicopter squadrons and assumed JFMCC duties (20 units, 14,000 personnel) providing initial Navy/Marine Corps response to the 2010 Haiti earthquake.
- c. As AIRLANT, planned and implemented the program to re-establish Royal Navy fixed wing carrier aviation, sending RN aviators to Navy flight training and assigning them to USN carrier squadrons.

#### **Summary of Post Military Work**

- (1) Consults with the armed services, major defense contractors and other businesses in high technology areas including cybersecurity, information technology, intelligence, aviation and training systems as president of Ted Branch and Company, Inc.
- (2) From 2017 to 2021, as senior vice president and general manager of the Navy and Marine Corps business for Perspecta then Peraton, Vice Admiral Branch led more than 4000 professionals providing mission critical information technology services under the Next Generation Enterprise Network (NGEN) contract.

#### **Personal**

- (1) Married to Jodi for 41 years. Jodi Branch---After working in public and private accounting for several years, invested her time in raising two children who have continued their lives in service to our country, Kelsey in foreign service with the Dept of Agriculture in South America and Austin as a major in the Marine Corps.
- (2) We now live on the marsh in Fernandina Beach, FL (Amelia Island) and enjoy our neighbors, traveling, family and hobbies.

#### **Associations/Membership/Boards:**

- (1) Tailhook Educational Foundation Chairman
- (2) National Naval Aviation Museum Foundation Vice-Chairman
- (3) Navy Mutual Director
- (4) Tailhook Association Director