



John S. Christiansen, RADM., USN (Ret.)

Date of Designation: 13 June 1943

Dates of Active Duty: 25 February 1941 - 1 September 1946. and 1 February 1951 - 1 June 1975.

Total Flight Hours: 6,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 600

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,000 Prop: 2,000 VF/VA: 6,000

Combat Tours:

WW II: VF-16 and VBF-16, Nov. 1943 - Aug. 1944 and Oct. 1944 - Nov. 1945, Marianas Turkey Shoot, Palau, Hollandia, Truk, and Tokyo.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-11, Jun. 1958 - Feb. 1959.
CO, VF-32, Feb. 1960 - Oct. 1961.
CAG-6, Nov. 1963 - Jul. 1964.
Readiness Attack Carrier Air Wing-4, Jun. 1965 - Jul. 1967.
CO, USS *Tappahanock* (AO-43), Jul. 1967 - Aug. 1968.
CO, USS *Constellation* (CVA-64, Aug. 1968 - Jan. 1970.
COMCARDIV SEVEN, Feb. 1972 - Apr. 1973.

Combat Awards:

Navy Cross
Distinguished Flying Cross
8 Air Medals
2 Legion of Merit

Duty Assignment Chronology

1941 Entered U. S. Navy.
1943 Designated Naval Aviator and commissioned Ensign, USNR.
1943-45 VF-16 and VBF-16. Participated in Marianas Turkey Shoot, the attack on Palau, Hollandia, Truk and Tokyo in the Pacific theatre.



1945-46 Naval Air Training Command, Kingsville, TX. - Instructor.
1946 Released from active duty. Attended Florida Southern College and Stetson University, obtaining LLB (law) degree. Admitted to Florida Bar in 1950.
1951-53 Recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict and served with VF-742.
1953-55 Transferred to the Bureau of Aeronautics at Dallas, Texas, as a flight test officer.
1955-56 Line School, U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.
1956-58 VX-4. Made a WESTPAC deployment with four F7U-3M's (Cutlasses) aboard USS *Shangri La*.
1958 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.
6/58-2/59 CO, VF-11. VF-11 decommissioned in 1959.
2/60-10/61 CO, VF-32.
10/61-1/63 Legal Assistant to Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air).
1/63-7/64 Commander Air Wing SIX.
6/65-7/67 Commander, Readiness Attack Carrier Air Wing FOUR.
7/67-8/68 CO, USS *Tappahanock* (AO-43).
8/68-1/70 CO, USS *Constellation* (CVA-64).
1/70-2/71 OPNAV, Director, Aviation Plans and Programs (OP-508).
2/71-2/72 Deputy Director of Operations, National Military Command Center, Pentagon.
2/72-4/73 Commander, Carrier Division SEVEN.
4/73-7/75 Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Air Warfare (OP-05B).
7/75 Retired from active duty.
1/76 Grumman Aerospace Corporation, Special Assistant to President and Chairman. Subsequently promoted to Vice President and ran the Field Service Division.

Family

He is married to the former Clare Demaline of Cleveland, Ohio.