

Richard Lee Cormier, Captain, USN (Ret.) "Zeke"

Date of Designation: 3 April 1942

Dates of Active Duty: June 1941 - July 1964

Total Flight Hours: 5,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 603

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,800 Prop: 2,200 Helo: 10 VF/VA: 4,300 VR/VP: 50 VS: 50 VU/VFP: 500 VT: 200 LTA: 5

Combat Tours:

WW II: VC-1 carrier based anti-sub warfare, Atlantic Fleet (F4F-3/F4F-4, TBF/TBM), Oct. 1942 - Mar. 1944, 75 combat missions.

WW II: VF-80/VBF-80 carrier based, WestPac (F6F-3, F6F-5, F4U-1), 1944 - 1945, 61 combat missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, Blue Angles Flight Demonstration Team, Dec. 1953-Nov. 1956.

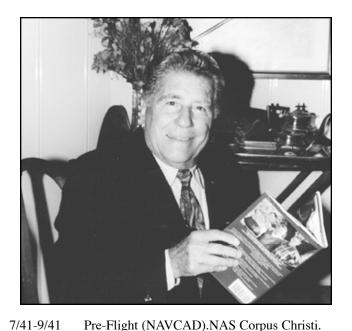
CO, VA-113 WestPac/AirPac, Feb. 1957 - Oct. 1958 CO, CAG-11, Oct. 1958 - Jan. 1960, WESTPAC/AIRPAC.

Combat Awards:

5 Distinguished Flying Crosses (WW II) Silver Star (WW II) Air Medals Presidential Unit Citation

Duty Assignment Chronology

5/39-6/41 California National Guard, 251st Coast Artillery, Searchlight Battery.
6/41 Joined the Navy - V5 Program.
6/41-7/41 Elimination Base, NAF Long Beach, CA., Flight Training.



9/41-4/42 Flight Training, NAS Pensacola, FL. 5/42-7/42 Advanced Training (Fighter) NAS Miami, FL. Advanced Carrier Training Group, NAS North 7/42-9/42 Island, San Diego, CA. Composite Squadron One, AIRPAC and AIR-10/42-3/44 LANT - 75 combat missions, USS Card, USS Block Island, USS Croatan, USS Tulagi, USS Guadalcanal. Damaged German submarine, Flying TBF-1 Avenger. 3/44-9/46 VF- 80/VBF-80, AIRPAC. USS Ticonderoga, USS Hancock, USS Bennington, USS Boxer - 8 Confirmed, 2 Probable, 1 Possible Victories; assisted in sinking 1 Jap Destroyer, 1 Jap Troop Ship, Direct bomb hit on 1 Jap light cruiser. VF-98/VF 21-(A) Fleet Air, San Diego, NAS 9/46-4/47 North Island, CA. Instructor, VF. 4/47-12/48 Governor Guam. 12/4812/49 General Line School, Monterey, CA.

Aide/Flag Lieutenant, Comamnder Marianas/ Aide to CHIEFNAVAIRTECHTRACOM, 1/50-5/50 NAS Memphis, TN. 5/50-8/50 Blue Angels Public Affairs Officer #7; Staff CNATRA, NAS Pensacola, FL. 8/50-1/51 Staff CNATRA, NAS Pensacola, FL. Naval Aerial Photography School, NAS 1/51-7/51 Pensacola, FL. 7/51-9/51 JTU, NAS Kingsville TX. 9/51-1/52 Joint Operations Center, 7th Fleet Representative, KOREA, USS Essex. VFP-61, AIRPAC, USS Oriskany. 1/52-12/53 12/53-11/56 Officer in Charge, BLUE ANGELS, NAS Corpus Christi/NAS Pensacola. 12/56-2/57 FAGU, NAAS El Centro, CA. Commanding Officer, VA-113, AIRPAC, USS 2/57-10/58 Shangri La.

10/58-1/59 Commander, Air Group 11, AIRPAC, USS Shangri La.
12/59-3/60 OPNAV, OP- 502, Washington, D. C.

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

3/60-5/61 Technical Adviser, Navy Office of Public

Affairs, Hollywood, CA.

5/61-12/62 Executive Officer, USS Wasp, Atlantic

Fleet.

1/63-7/64 Aviation Member INSERV BOARD

7/64 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) Officer-in-Charge, Blue Angles Flight Demonstration Team.

(2) Showed early interest in aviation.

