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Richard J. Davis, Captain, USN

Date of Designation: 1938 NA # 5813

Dates of Active Duty: 1938 - 1965

Total Flight Hours: 6,035

Combat Tours:

WW II: VB-101 (B-24 Liberator bombers) flying from Guadalcanal, 1942 - 1943.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VP-49 (PB4Y-2s), 1948.
CO, VP-22 (P2V-4s), Okinawa, 1950.
CO, USS *Aldebararn* (AF-10), 1962 - 1963.
CO, USS *Randolph* (CVS-15), 1963 - 1964.

Duty Assignment Chronology

1938 Graduated from flight school, Pensacola in flight class # 108C. Designated Naval Aviator # 5813.

1938-1939 VP-11, NAS San Diego, flying PBY's.

1939-1940 VP-51 (VP-11 changed designation to VP-51) Flew PBY's in both squadrons.

1940-1941 Flew PBY's on neutrality patrol out of Gould Island, R.I., and Bermuda.
After Pearl Harbor, flew PBY's in the Pacific and Alaska.

1942-1943 Early in 1942 was a crew member on the XPBS, flying torpedo detonators and other cargo to submarines in Surebaya, Java.
Later in 1942, was a member of the first squadron in the Navy (VB-101) to receive the PB4Y-1 (B-24 Liberator bomber). Deployed to Guadalcanal.

1944-1946 VB-120, flying PB4Y-2s (Privateers) in Alaska.

1948 CO, VP-49 (PB4Y-2s).

1950 CO, VP-22, flying P2V-4s from Okinawa during the Korean conflict.

1955 Operations Officer, USS *Lake Champlain* (CV-39).

1956 Operations Officer, USS *Intrepid* (CV-11).

1959-1960 Chief of Staff (Operations) COMCARDIV 20 staff based on USS *Lake Champlain*.

1962-1963 CO, USS *Aldebararn* (AF-10).

1963-1964 CO, USS *Randolph* (CVS-15). Flagship of Task Group Alpha.

1/9/97 Richard Davis passed away in Jacksonville, Florida.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) In addition to squadron planes, I qualified in AD's, F2H-2, TV-2 and numerous other non-combatant types. My total flight time was approximately 6,035 hours. One flight log lost during transit.
- (2) Graduated from the following Navy post-graduate schools:
 - Naval War College - Senior Course.
 - National War College
 - Staff and Faculty at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.
 - A Fellowship at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University.