



**John S. Disher, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)**  
"John"

Date of Designation: 7 December 1958

Dates of Active Duty: 7 June 1957 - 31 January 1991

Total Flight Hours: 4,200

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 975

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,000 Prop: 300 VF/VA: 3,500

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-96, Feb. 1968 - Jun. 1968

VF-96, Apr. 1969 - Jun. 1969

CO, VF-151, Apr. 1972 - Feb. 1973

Total - 283 combat missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-151, 1972 - 1973.

CO, VF-101, 1974 - 1975.

Commander, FITWING One, 1976 - 1978.

CO, NAS Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, 1978 - 1980.

Chief of Naval Air Training, Aug. 1984 - Jul. 1986.

Combat Awards: (Vietnam)

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses

3 Air Medals (Individual)

15 Air Medals (Strike/Flight)

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

Vice Admiral John Stephen Disher, a native of Dayton, Ohio, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1957 and was designated a naval aviator in 1958.

Sea duty assignments have included tours in Fighter Squadrons THIRTY-THREE and NINETY-SIX, Carrier Division SIX and as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE.



He participated in contingency operations in both the Atlantic and the Pacific, the Cuban Blockade and during the Vietnam War, where he flew more than 275 combat missions. He served as Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ONE during the introduction of F-14 Fleet Replacement Aircrew Training to the Atlantic Fleet and as Commander, FIGHTER WING ONE.

Ashore, he served as Air-to-Air Missile Project Officer at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Four (VX-4); Head of Aviation Lieutenant Commander and Junior Officer Assignment Branch in the Bureau of Naval Personnel; Chief Projects Officer at VX-4; Commanding Officer of Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico; Head of the Military Personnel Management Branch (OP-132); and Deputy Director of the Military Personnel Policy Division (OP-13).

Vice Admiral Disher was promoted to Commodore in June 1982 and served as Commandant, Naval District Washington D. C. from July 1982 to July 1984. He was promoted to Rear Admiral in April 1985 and served as Chief of Naval Air Training from August 1984 to July 1986. He served as Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel and Training, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel and Commander, Naval Military Personnel Command from September 1986 to October 1988. He was promoted to Vice Admiral in October 1988 and served as the Chief of Naval Education and Training from November 1988 to February 1991. He was responsible to the Chief of Naval Operations for the education and training of over 80,000 officer and enlisted students daily in over 3,200 courses at 29 stations nationwide. CNET and the staff of 42,500 military and civilian personnel were also responsible for 66 Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps units at colleges throughout the United States and the Navy off-duty college education program.

In 1992 Vice Admiral Disher assumed responsibility as Executive Director of the National Training Systems Association in Arlington, Virginia.

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Vice Admiral Disher is a graduate of the Empire Test Pilot School, Farnborough, England; the Naval War College; and has been awarded a Master of Science degree in International Affairs from George Washington University.

Vice Admiral Disher's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit [with four Gold Stars], Distinguished Flying Cross (with Gold Star), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (with two Gold Stars and Numeral 15), and the Navy Commendation Medal (with three Gold Stars and Combat "V") in addition to other unit commendations and campaign medals.

**Family:**

Vice Admiral Disher is married to the former Jane Alice Graeser of Dayton, Ohio. They have four children, Tim, a submarine officer in the USN; Tami, a rehabilitation engineer; Eric, a naval aviator in the USN; and Alisa.

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Graduate of Empire Test Pilot School, Farnborough, England.
- (2) Commanded VF-151 during combat operations.