



Kevin Michael Donegan, VADM, USN (Ret.)
"Kid"

Hometown: Edison, NJ

School and College Career:

Saint Thomas Aquinas HS, Edison, NJ
University of Virginia
Harvard Executive Education in National Security
U.S. Naval War College NSDM
USAF Air Command and Staff College
Test Pilot School
Top Gun
Navy Nuclear Power Training

Dates on Active Duty: 17 Oct 1980 – 1 Aug 2018

Date Commissioned/Source:
17 Oct 1980/AVROC

Date of Designation: 2 Apr 1982

Total Flight Hours: 3,956 in 31 different types of aircraft

Carrier/Ship Landings: Arrested Landings: 820 Rotary: 18

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet (VFA/VA/VF): 3624
Prop (VT/Various): 332
Helo (H-60/Various): 20

Combat Tours:

03/86 - 04/86 Libya/Gulf of Sidra, 7 Missions FA-18
07/95 - 10/95 Deny Flight/Deliberate Force - 90+ days on ground in Bosnia as NATO air liaison officer directing targeting during Deny Flight and Deliberate force air strikes.
03/98 - 07/98 Iraq, 21 Missions, FA-18, Southern No Fly Zone
07/10 - 06/12 Oversaw counter AQAP Operations in Yemen that included the first use of carrier-based USMC tactical aircraft to strike AQ in Yemen.



09/15 - 09/17 During OIR, led the Naval Aviation effort to defeat ISIS in Iraq and Syria that included US and French Carrier Aviation.

04/17 Oversaw the launch of 60+ TLAMs and into Syria from both the Gulf and the Med

Combat Missions: 28 (FA-18C)

Commands:

09/15 - 09/17 Commander: U.S. Fifth Fleet, COMNAVCENT/Combined Maritime Forces - Bahrain
12/09 - 05/10 Commander: Carrier Strike Group 5/Battle Force 7th Fleet Japan
05/04 - 10/06 Commanding Officer USS *Carl Vinson* CVN-70
08/02 - 11/03 Commanding Officer USS *Coronado* AGF 11 Command Ship and Innovative Fleet Battle Lab
12/97 - 03/99 Commanding Officer VFA-131 Wildcats

Awards:

Distinguished Service Medal (3)
Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit (5)
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (5)
Strike/Flight Air Medal with Numeral "1"
Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2)
Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2)
Joint Meritorious Unit Award (3)
Navy Unit Commendation (3)
Meritorious Commendation (3)
Navy Battle "E" Ribbon (4)
Navy Expeditionary Medal
National Defense Service Medal (2)
Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal (2)
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (6)
Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon (3)

United Nations Medal
 NATO Medal
 Kuwait Liberation Medal
 Navy Pistol Expert Medal
 French - "Legion of Honor"
 French - "National Defense Medal"
 Bahrain - "Medal of the First Class"
 Japan - "Defense Cooperation Medal - First Class"
 Japan - "Defense Cooperation Medal - Second Class"

Duty Assignment Chronology

10/80-10/80	Naval Aviation Schools Command
10/80-04/82	VT 27, VT-9, VT-7 Student
04/82-09/83	VT 9 SERGRAD Instructor
10/83-06/84	VFA 125 FRS (FA-18A), Replacement Pilot, Lemoore, CA
07/84-04/87	VFA 131 Plankowner, Lemoore, CA, Cecil Field FL, USS Coral Sea (CV 43)
05/87-05/88	U.S. Naval Test Pilot School
06/88-06/90	Strike Aircraft Test Center, Carrier Suitability Test Pilot
07/90-11/90	VFA 106 FRS (FA-18C)
12/90-05/93	VFA-37, Department Head, Cecil Field, FL, USS <i>Kitty Hawk</i> (CV 63), USS <i>John F Kennedy</i> (CVN 67)
06/93-03/94	Aide N3/N5, Pentagon
03/94-01/96	Flag Lieutenant Naples Italy, NATO Liaison Officer Sarajevo
01/96-07/96	VFA 106 FRS (FA-18C)
07/96-03/99	VFA-131, Executive Officer/Commanding Officer, Cecil Field, FL, Oceana VA, USS <i>John C Stennis</i> (CVN 74)
03/99-09/00	Navy Nuclear Power pipeline, SC, DC.
09/00-06/02	USS <i>George Washington</i> (CVN 73), Executive Officer, Norfolk, VA
06/02-11/03	USS <i>Coronado</i> (AGF 11) Commanding Officer, Coronado, CA
11/03-10/06	USS <i>Carl Vinson</i> (CVN 70) Commanding Officer, Bremerton, WA/Norfolk, VA
10/06-03/07	NAE Carrier Readiness Team Leader, CNAL, Norfolk, VA
03/07-11/08	Director Strategy and Policy Division (N51) OPNAV
11/08-06/10	Commander Battle Force 7th Fleet, Carrier Strike Group 5, Yokosuka, Japan/USS <i>George Washington</i> (CVN 73)
06/10-08/12	U.S. Central Command Director of Operations (J3)
08/12-06/14	Director of Warfare Integration (N9I), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon
06/14-08/15	Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans Policy and Operations (N3/N5), Pentagon
08/15-09/17	Commander US Fifth Fleet, US NAVCENT, Combined Maritime Forces, Bahrain
09/17-08/18	Director of the Navy Staff, Pentagon

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) A Plankowner of the VFA-131 Wildcats, planned the highly successful SEAD mission that supported the A-6 Intruder strikes into Beninah and Benghazi Libya in 1986. Also flew multiple combat flights in the Gulf of Sidra including intercepting and escorting of Libyan Migs and a mission vs the SA-5 site at Sirt. Subsequently assisted Strike University at Fallon with redefining Air Wing training for preplanned SEAD Harm support of combat operations.
- (2) Graduated Top Gun in 1986 as one the first cruise experienced pilots to fly the FA-18 in the Power Projection syllabus.
- (3) Selected to attend Test Pilot School, earned the USNTPS "Outstanding Student Award."
- (4) Selected as "Test Pilot of the Year" at Strike Aircraft Test Directorate for his work in Aircraft Carrier Suitability Testing. As a Test Pilot, flew in 31 different types of aircraft and conducted special test flights to resolve FA-18 "settle of the cat" concerns from the fleet, along with other envelope expanding flight tests related to aircraft carrier catapults and landings, ordnance release testing and night vision goggles. This included the first carrier launches and recoveries from the USS *Abraham Lincoln*. Flew envelope expanding fights related to Aircraft Carrier Suitability, ordnance carriage/release and night vision goggles in the FA-18
- (5) One the first East Coast fleet pilots to attain low level night vision qualification.
- (6) While a Department Head in VFA-37, awarded the Strike Fighter Wing's "Michael Longhardt Leadership Award."
- (7) Volunteered to deploy for 5 months on the ground in Sarajevo, Bosnia in the midst of the siege of city by the Bosnian Serbs to be the first Navy NATO Air Advisor to the UNPROFOR commander. During this 5-month tour, coordinated with the CAOC in Vicenza to strike targets in response to UN violations and ultimately IDed and selected ground targets for the Deliberate Force Air Strikes that ended with the signing of the Dayton Peace Accord.
- (8) As Commander of VFA-131 that included Combat Operations in Iraq, led the squadron to winning the Battle E and Top Hook honors for the deployment.
- (9) Earned Individual "Top Ten" in Carrier Landings on USS *Coral Sea*, USS *John F Kennedy* and USS *John C Stennis*.
- (10) As Commander of USS *Carl Vinson* on an around the world deployment successfully teamed with the Air Wing to fly months of combat operations in support of OIF and OEF. The ship earned Naval Air Pacific Battle E and multiple other honors and awards including the first CVN to fly both the EAWS and ESWS Pennants, indicating every eligible enlist-

ed member of the crew had earned their warfare qualification.

(11) Post-deployment, led the transition of USS *Carl Vinson* into the Shipyard for RCOH and began what was to be the first ever on-time and on Budget completion of a CVN mid-life overhaul.

(12) Spearheaded the standup of the "Carrier Readiness Team" that was modeled after Naval Aviation Enterprise. This effort began the standardization of Aircraft Carrier configuration from communication and landing aids to offensive and defense weapons and systems to the minimum requirements for air wing spaces. These efforts resulted in selection as "Tailhooker of the Year" for 2006.

(13) While Commander of Carrier Strike Group 5 in Japan, led innovative use of "Ready for Tasking" (RFT) for the Carrier Strike Groups that tied mandatory required Air Wing combat training to readiness for the China Fight. This set the groundwork for what would ultimately require Fallon Air Wing Training for CSG 5 squadrons in Japan.

(14) Remained Carrier Qualified in the FA-18 during tour as a CVN Commander and also as Strike Group Commander in Japan.

(15) CENTCOM J3 during a period that included the drawdown from 101,000 combat troops in Iraq to zero and during the surge from 60,000 to 93,000+ combat troops in Afghanistan while also supporting the Task Forces fight against AQAP in Yemen.

(16) Led the introduction of the use of USMC Tactical aviation into Yemen in the fight against AQAP.

(17) Integral to the writing of 3 guiding strategies for the Navy and the Department of Defense including the first Tri-Service Maritime Strategy ...From the Sea and later its 2 subsequent major revisions. Also, the Navy lead for the writing of the QDR, the guiding strategy for DOD. Each of these strategies highlighted and emphasized the strategic role of Naval Aviation in support of our National Defense. Teamed with the USMC to ensure that USN/USMC aviation were cemented in Joint doctrine for the foreseeable future.

(18) Led the French Aircraft Carrier Strike Group *Charles De Gaulle* to their first ever Command of a U.S. led Task Force in combat operations. This included the integration of French Carrier Aviation with U.S. Carrier Aviation for several months of strikes on ISIS positions in Iraq and Syria. These efforts led to being awarded the "French Legion of Honor".

(19) In response to Houthi attacks on U.S. ships in the Red Sea led operations that launched the first retaliatory strikes on Houthi positions in Yemen.

(20) In response to proliferation of chemical weapons oversaw the launch of 60+ TLAMs and into Syria from both the Gulf and the Mediterranean.

Post Military Work

(1) Convergent, Chief Operating Officer/EVP Global Operations and Delivery

(2) Board Member APM Terminals

(3) Middle East Institute, Advisory Board Member and Distinguished Senior Fellow on National Security

(4) Cypher Brief, National Security Expert

(5) Fairfax National Security Solutions, Senior Advisor for National Security

(6) Advisor McNally Capital

(7) Advisor Adelphi Capital

(8) CSIS, Non-resident Senior Advisor

Personal

(1) Married Debra Ann (Benning) Donegan in 1988. We are blessed with four amazing children: Shannon, Caitlin, James and Jeremiah.

(2) We split our time between living and working on "Locust Hill" Farm in Amissville, Virginia and watching sunsets on Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina.

(3) Active general aviation owner and pilot.

Associations Memberships Boards

(1) Tailhook Educational Foundation, Board Member

(2) Lifetime member, Society of Experimental Test Pilots

(3) Lifetime member, Tailhook Association

(4) Lifetime member, Top Gun Association

(5) Lifetime member, U.S. Naval Institute

