



CAPT Raymond Donnelly, USN (Ret.) "Ray"

Date of Designation: 7 November 1952

Dates of Active Duty: 1 June 1951 - 31 August 1981

Total Flight Hours: 4,011

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 623

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,629 Prop: 382 VF/VA: 3,780

Combat Tours:

Korea: Period of truce: 10/53 - 4/54
Vietnam: 5/69 - 11/69 - 97 combat missions

Aviation Commands:

CO - VF-191
CO - NAS Mayport (First year as Major Command ashore)
CO - NAS Miramar

Combat Awards:

2 Legion of Merit
2 Bronze Star Medals
3 Air Medals
Meritorious Service Medal
Navy Expeditionary
Navy Unit Commendation
Cuban Service Medal
Vietnam Service Medal
Korean Service Medal
China Service Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

6/51-12/53 Flight Training - Basic/Advanced. Pensacola/
Kingsville/Corpus Christi, TX.
1/53-2/53 Jet Training - NAAS Kingsville, TX.
3/56-8/55 VF-173 (F9F-6) - Korean Cease Fire.(9.5
months) Transitioned to FJ-3.



9/55-6/59 General Line School - Student in first class.
6/59-8/59 Instructor advanced jet training command
Participant Fleet Indoctrination Program of
T2V - 5/57 -8-57.
9/59-12/59 COMNAVAIRLANT LSO Program (F8/A4/
A3D/F9F-8T).
1/60-1/61 CAW-6 Staff LSO.
1/61-5/63 VF-33 LSO/Maintenance Officer.
5/63-6/64 Naval War College - student junior course &
masters program.
7/64-6/66 OPNAV 603 - Strategic Plans for Latin
America (JCS matters).
6/66-9/68 VF-124 Operation Officer/Executive Officer
10/68-6/70 VF- 191 - XO/CO - Awarded successive
AIRPAC "E" Awards.
7/70-6/71 National War College - student.
7/71-7/72 Operations Officer USS *Saratoga* - Med and
Vietnam cruises.
9/72-8/74 Operations Officer COMCARGRU-6 Staff.
8/74-6/76 CO NAS Mayport, FL.
7/76-7/78 Head of Naval Aircraft & Weapons
Requirements (OPNAV-506).
7/78-7/79 Deputy Naval Air Operations (OPNAV-50B).
7/79-8/81 CO, NAS Miramar, CA.
8/81 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Overseeing numerous improvements/introductions of weapons as head of OP-506 (AIM-9/AMRAAM) and aircraft including a new engine for the F-14.
- (2) Developed a method to inspect F8 engine mounts for cracks while deployed without pulling the tail and engine - a space and labor saver.
- (3) Developed the first low altitude (5000 feet) air-to-air gunnery tactics as Ops in VF-124
- (4) Flew every model of the F8 and survived!
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Post Retirement Affiliations

President OHEAC Armoring Company. Armored Secret Service/State Department/CIA/Foreign Heads of State automobiles/limousines including President Reagan's Parade Cars.