

Simpson Evans Jr., Captain, USN (Ret.) "Simpson"

Date of Designation: 16 October 1943 NA # 7078

Dates of Active Duty: 16 August 1942 - 1 July 1974

Total Flight Hours: 6,000+

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 300+

Approximate Flight Hours: Jet: 2,500+ Prop: 3,500+

Combat Tours:

WW II: 10/44-7/45 USS *Bennington* (CV-20) WestPac

CAG 1, VF-1 (F6F).

Korea: 9/50-10/51 Air Force Exchange Pilot assigned to

Fourth Fighter Group, 336th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. Two (2) MIG-15 destroyed (F86-1).

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-127 RAG Squadron, 10/62 - 9/63 CO, NAF El Centro, 5/68-5/71

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross

Soldiers Medal

Air Medal with 2 Silver Stars and 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

Duty Assignment Chronology

7/42-12/42 Civilian Pilot Training at Fort Smith, AR. Cadet CUB

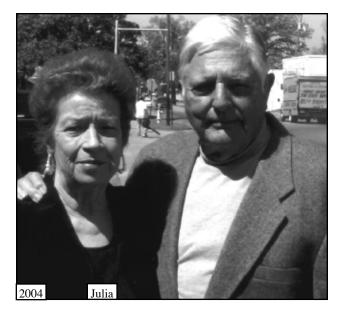
12/42-6/43 Preflight at Athens, GA. Student.

6/43-10/43 Pensacola (Corey Field) Cadet (SNJ/SNB).

10/43-12/43 NAS Melbourne FL. Operational Flight Training, Ensign. (F6F-2).

12/43-1/44 NAF Glenview, IL. Carrier qualification, USS *Sable* (Paddle wheel carrier).

1/44-10/44 NAS Daytona Beach, FL. Operational Flight Instructor (F4F).



10/44-7/45 VF-1 on CV-20 in WesPac. Combat and air parade over USS *Missouri* with the signing of the peace treaty. Ensign.

12/45-2/47 NAS Corpus Christi, TX. Teaching South American students. (N2S, SNJ, SNB, PBY6A. A couple of the students later became dictator of their country. Ensign.

3/47- 6/49 CAG 11, Sqd. VF-12A on USS *Valley Forge* Ensign. (F8F-3)

6/48-12/48 Member of the first Navy Test Pilot Training Class. Flew several different aircraft at the Naval Air Test Center Patuxent River, MD. LTJG.

12/48-9/50 Duty at TACTEST Pax. River. Flew several different types of aircraft. LTJG.

9/50-10/51 Exchange Pilot with USAF 4th Fighter Group, 336th Fighter Squadron. Flew F-86 in Korea. LT.

9/51-4/53 VX-3 NAS Atlantic City, NJ. Type Leader (F2H) LT.

4/53-6/55 Line School Monterey, CA. Student LT.

6/55-6/57 VF 82 aboard USS *Intrepid*. Med cruise (F2H) LCDR.

8/59-10/62 BuWepsRep St. Louis. Production Test F3H, F4H, and F101 at McDonnell. Aircraft Co. Flight Test Director. CDR.

10/62-9/63 CO, VA 127 RAG Instrument Training Sqd. 9/63-9/64 USS *Hornet* (CV-20) Operations Officer. TF-1. CDR.

9/64-5/68 Fleet Work Study Group Pacific. Developed the 3M (Material Maintenance Management) for ships and aircraft-PMS & MDCS. Also developed Personnel Manning Levels for ships. Captain.

5/68-5/71 CO, NAF El Centro, CA. Captain.

5/71- 7/74 CO, Naval Reserve Center Tulsa. Captain. 7/1/74 Retired from Navy.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Wingman to Leader of victory fly-over of USS *Missouri* during the surrender of the Japanese.
- (2) Member of the first Test Pilot Training School class at NATC Patuxent River, MD.
- (3) On board USS *Valley Forge*, CAG 11 (Sqd VF-12A). First aircraft carrier to go around the world in 1948. Went through both the Suez and the Panama Canals. Took eight months, could fly only four hours a month (on board a carrier??)
- (4) First jet flight P-80 on 28 Jan. 1948. NATC Patuxent River.
- (5) With the Air Force, had to eject over Japan from F86 after a midair (his fault) 1951. While in Korea destroyed 2 MIG-15s.
- (6) Mr. Arthur Godfery took me for a ride in his Navion.
- (7) During Preflight school at Athens U. of Georgia, was promoted to Cadet Battalion Commander.
- (8) Have flown 21 different types of aircraft.