



RDML Dennis E. FitzPatrick, USN (Ret.)
 “Frailes”

Hometown: Delmar, New York

High School and College Career:

Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar NY
 Cornell University, College of Engineering, BS Electrical Engineering

Dates on Active Duty: 31 May 1981 - 31 Aug 2012

Date Commissioned/Source:

31 May 1981; NROTC Cornell University

Date of Designation: 25 March 1983

Total Flight Hours: 3565+

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed: 655 Rotary: 5

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jets: 3460 Prop: 100 VF/VA 3386 VT: 213 Helo: 5

Combat tours:

Jan 91-Mar 91 Gulf War Desert Storm / Iraq, VFA-86, CAG-1, USS *America* (CV-66), FA-18C
 Oct 97-Feb 98 Southern Watch / Iraq, VFA-147, CAG-9, USS *Nimitz* (CVN-68), FA-18C
 Oct 01-Feb 02 Enduring Freedom, USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN-71)
 Oct 04-Nov 04 Operation AL FAJR, Liberation of Fallujah, Iraq, USS *John F Kennedy* (CV-67)
 Jun 06-Jun 07 Multi-National Force-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq

Combat missions: 60 FA-18



Commands:

Dec 97-Mar 99 Commanding Officer VFA-147
 May 02-Dec 03 Commanding Officer USS *Shreveport* (LPD-12)
 Oct 04-May 06 Commanding Officer USS *John F Kennedy* (CV-67)
 Jan 08-Jun 10 Commander Strike Force Training Atlantic (CSG-4)

Awards:

Legion of Merit (5)
 Bronze Star
 Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Medal/Strike Flight – 3
 Air Medal w/ Combat Distinguishing Device – 2
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Navy/MC Commendation Medal w/ Combat Distinguishing Device
 Navy/MC Commendation Medal – 3
 Navy Achievement Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

06/81-03/83 Flight Training Pensacola (T-34C), FL and Kingsville, Texas (T-2C and TA-4J)
 04/83-07/84 VA-174, Cat 1 FRS training, NAS Cecil Field, FL, A-7E
 07/84-02/87 VA-105; USMC UDP forward deployed to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, First Marine Wing/ Marine Air Group 12; USS *Forrestal* (CV-59) deployed to 6th Fleet AOR, Line Div O, Assist Admin/Personnel O, First Lt, Training Officer, Nuclear Weapons Training Officer, Hurriac O, A-7E
 02/87-04/90 VFA-106; FRS Training, Instructor Duty, Skeds O, Hurriac O, Class Advisor, Instructional Systems Development O, Contracting Officer Technical Representative, Security Manager, Fighter's Weapons Phase O, FA-18 ABCD.

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

05/90-10/92 VFA-86; Safety Officer, NATOPS Officer, Operations Officer, CVW-1 Strike Warfare Watch Captain, Maintenance Officer, Strike Mission Commander. Deployed in USS *America* (CV-66) to 6th and 5th Fleet AOR for Desert Storm and Southern Watch. FA-18C.

11/92-10/94 Bureau of Naval Personnel, VA/VFA Junior Officer Detailer, Washington, DC, Desk

11/94-11/95 Naval War College, Newport, RI, student

12/95-09/96 VFA-125, PXO Refresher Training, NAS Lemoore, CA, FA-18C

09/96-03/99 VFA-147 XO/CO, NAS Lemoore, CA, USS *Nimitz* (CVN-68), C3F, C7F, C5F, C6F, C2F, FA-18C

03/99-09/00 Navy Nuclear Power pipeline

10/00-03/02 USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN-71), Norfolk, VA, C2F, C6F, C5F, XO

03/02-12/03 USS *Shreveport* (LPD-12), Norfolk, VA, CO

01/04-08/04 USJFCOM, Norfolk, VA, Deputy Director J5

08/04-05/06 USS *John F Kennedy* (CV-67), Mayport, FL, C6f, C5F, C2F, CO

06/06-06/07 Multi-National Force Iraq, Bagdad, Iraq, Deputy Director Strategic Effects, Director Office of National Reconciliation

07/07-05/10 US Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, VA, N-8, Fleet Warfare Requirements & Programing Planning Div Head, Director N3 Joint Operations Division

06/10-08/12 Strike Force Training Atlantic, Commander, Norfolk, VA, FA-18E/F

08/12 Retired from Active Duty

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Earned Wings of Gold Mar 83
- (2) First operational assignment to VA-105: USN UDP Deployment to First Marine Air Wing/Marine Air Group 12, Iwakuni, Japan and subsequent deployed in USS *Forrestal* (CV-59). Battle E squadron. This first tour set the tone for my career. Great leadership and the opportunity to establish lifetime friendships with talented Officers/Aviators.
- (3) Instructor pilot training new Strike Fighter pilots. Rewarding tour with lots of flying and responsibility. Honored by selection as Instructor Pilot of the Year and ANA Bald Eagle Squadron Aviator of the year.
- (4) Strike Mission Commander during combat ops in support of Operation Desert Storm and Southern Watch. Being part of the team and employing the awesome combat power of a carrier Air Wing.
- (5) XO of USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN-71): Hard, rewarding job, long days, short nights. Quickly deploying within days of 9/11 in support of Enduring Freedom and working with another exceptional team.

(6) Command of USS *John F Kennedy* (CV-67) engaged in combat operations in Arabian Gulf. Pinnacle of my career. The opportunity of a lifetime to command a national asset and work with a team of talented great Americans.

(7) Commander Strike Force Training Atlantic and training battle groups and Expeditionary Strike Groups for deployment. Talented, creative, dedicated people are a national asset.

Summary of Post Military Work

(1) Worked for small, medium and large defense companies in executive roles to include T-Solutions, Kratos Defense and The Boeing Company.

Personal

- (1) Married Jean Fitzpatrick in 1983. Yup, she just changed her P to FitzPatrick. We are blessed with three children, two of which are married (one to a Naval Aviator) and four awesome grandchildren.
- (2) Living in Virginia Beach, spending time on Lake Anna skiing, surfing and foiling.

Associations/Membership/Boards:

- (1) Tailhook Association, Lifetime member
- (2) Navy League, Lifetime member
- (3) USS *John F Kennedy* (CVN-79) Honorary Commissioning Committee