



**Richard E. Fowler, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)**

Date of Designation: 15 June 1943

Dates of Active Duty: 1 October 1942 - 1 July 1974

Total Flight Hours: 5,500

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 500

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,400 Prop: 4,100 VF/VA: 3,200

VT: 775 Other: 1,550

Combat Tours:

WW II: VF-15 (F6F), USS *Essex* (CV-9), May 1944 - Nov. 1944. Marianas, Carolines, Philippines, Formosa, 1st and 2nd Battle of Philippine Sea - 75 missions.

Korea: VF-32 (F4U Corsair), USS *Leyte* (CV-32), Jul. 1950 - Nov. 1950. Sea of Japan - 60 missions.

Vietnam: CO, USS *Eldorado*, PHIBGRU ONE Flagship operating from Danang, Aug. 1967 - Feb. 1968.

Vietnam: CO, USS *Ticonderoga* (CVA-14), Mar. 1968 - Oct. 1969. Operating in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VAH-4, 1961 - 1962

Commander, Carrier Air Group ONE, 1962 - 1963.

Commander, Reconnaissance Attack Wing ONE, 1965-1967

CO, USS *Eldorado*, Aug. 1967 - Feb. 1968.

CO, USS *Ticonderoga* (CVA-14), Mar. 1968 - Oct. 1969

Commander Fleet Air Wing ONE, 1970 - 1973.

Combat Awards:

Navy Cross

Silver Star

Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross

Air Medal



### Duty Assignment Chronology

9/42-6/43 Flight Training, Athens, GA., NAS Dallas and NAS Corpus Christi, TX.

7/43-8/43 VF Operational Training, NAS Opalaka, FL.

9/43-9/45 VF-15 (F6F), USS *Hornet* (CV-12) and USS *Essex* (CV-9).

10/45-8/47 NAF Dahlgren, VA.

8/47-6/49 NAS Olathe, Kansas, Officer-in-Charge, GCA Unit 11.

6/49-12/49 General Line School, Monterey, CA.

1/50-3/52 VF-32 (F4U), NAS Quonset Point, RI., USS, *Leyte* and NAS Sanford, FL.

3/52-3/54 NAS Cabaniss Field.

5/54-6/56 USS *Kearsarge* (CVA-33).

7/56-1/57 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.

1/57-10/58 VAH-9 NAS Sanford, FL. and USS *Saratoga* (CVA-60).

10/58-7/60 OPNAV, Washington, D. C.

7/60-6/61 Naval War College.

7/61-6/62 CO, VAH-4.

6/62-7/63 Commander, Carrier Air Group ONE, NAS Cecil Field, FL., and USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA-42).

7/63-12/64 XO, USS *Independence* (CVA-62).

1/64-7/67 Commander, Reconnaissance Attack Wing ONE.

7/67-7/68 CO, USS *Eldorado*.

8/68-10/69 CO, USS *Ticonderoga* (CVA-14).

10/68-7/70 COMNAVAIRPAC.

7/70-7/73 Commander Task Force 72/Commander Taiwan Patrol Force.

7/73-7/74 Director for Logistics, CINCPAC

7/1/74 Retired from active naval service.

### Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Destroyed 4 enemy VF aircraft during intercept of Japanese Air Group attack in First Battle of Philippine Sea (1944).

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Summary of Significant Career Events - continued

- (2) Scored bomb hit on enemy battleship during Second Battle of Philippine Sea (1944).
- (3) Destroyed total of 6 1/2 enemy aircraft in WW II (6 VF and 1/2 VP aircraft).
- (4) With flight of 8 VF, blew up and sank enemy destroyer in Northern Marianas by repeated 50 cal strafing runs.
- (5) While flying road recce with wingman ahead of U.S. infantry advance, sighted and attacked North Korean infantry company. Enemy dispersed and pinned down by repeated attacks until U. S. infantry arrived and captured entire company.
- (6) Participated in development and ships characteristics for first real time military Tactical Data System (NTDS-ATDS) while at OPNAV, 1958 - 1959.
- (7) Flew RA5C in DoD evaluation of Air Force and Navy terrain clearance radars in mountains at night, 1966.