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Paul E. Gillespie, Captain, USNR
Naval Aviator #2288

Captain Paul E. Gillespie was born in Havre de Grace, Maryland on 8 February 1896. He attended Maryland public schools, the Tome Prep School and the University of Maryland (Baltimore). His military service included the following:

3/17-5/17 Flight (Seaplane Training) San Raphael, France. Awarded French Naval Aviator Brevet #345 on 26 October 1917.
12/18-3/19 Army Combat School Arcadia, Florida. (Student).
3/25/19 Commissioned Ensign, USNR
3/19-1920 Atlantic Fleet Seaplane Division (Aircraft Spotter).
1921 Guantanamo Bay and Mitchell Field, NY., (Aircraft Spotter).
1921-22 NAS Anacostia D. C. (Transportation Officer)
9/26-11/27 NRAB, Great Lakes (Executive Officer).
11/27-12/28 NRAB, Great Lakes (Commanding Officer).
6/38 Floyd Bennett Field, NY. (Operations Officer).
10/40 Bureau of Navigation, (Assistant for Aviation).
12/41 NAS New Orleans, Commanding Officer.
6/44 Naval Air Base, Tarawa (Air Defense Officer).
7/48 Bureau of Aeronautics for Naval Reserve (Assistant to Chief BuAer).
7/51-2/54 NAS Birmingham, Alabama (Commanding Officer).
2/1/54 Retired

Experience in civilian life:

Jun. 1922 Airplane Division, Ford Motor Co.
Dec. 1928 VP Robertson Aircraft Corp., St Louis, MO.
Jan. 1930 Director, Roosevelt Aviation School, NY.
May 1931 Aeronautical Inspector, U. S. Department of Commerce.
Jul. 1932 Airline Pilot, American Airlines.
Mar. 1934 Director, Roosevelt Aviation School, NY.

Jul. 1939 Air Safety Investigator, Air Safety Board, Civil Aeronautics Board.
Dec. 1945 Chief, Accident Investigation Division, Civil Aeronautics Board.

Service Medals

In addition to the World War I and World War II Victory Medals, Captain Gillespie is entitled to wear the American Defense Service Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Area Medal; the Naval Reserve Medal with two stars, and the Naval Reserve Commendation Ribbon.