



Edward Iglesias, Captain, USN (Ret.)

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Date of Designation: 8 January, 1944

Dates of Active Duty: September 1943- October 1969

Total Flight Hours: 14,098

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 752

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,110 Prop: 6,940 VF/VA: 7,200 VR: 1,100

Combat Tours:

WW II: South Pacific: 2/45-8/45, VF-47, *USS Bataan (CVL 29)* Japanese Mainland, Okinawa, Philippine Sea , (F6F-5), 52 combat missions.

WW II: 9/45-10/45 POW missions and Occupation combat patrols, *USS San Jacinto (CVL 27)*, F6F-5.

Vietnam: CO. *USS Pictor (AF 54)*, (Market time Operations)

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF 103, 11/60-01/62 (F8U-2).

CO, VF 174, 01/62-7/63 (F8U-E).

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Flying Cross

6 Air Medals

Vietnam Service Medal

Bronze Star w/Combat "V"

1963 CNO Safety Award (VF 103)

1961 COMNAVAIRLANT "E" Award (VF 103)

1968 Commander Seventh Fleet, Meritorious Award to *USS Pictor (AF 54)*



Duty Assignment Chronology

- April 1943 Georgia Pre-flight Training. (V-5 cadet).
- June 1943 USNAS Olathe, Kansas Primary Flight Training. (V-5 Cadet).
- Sept. 1943 USNAS Corpus Christi, TX Basic and Advanced Flight Training. (V-5 Cadet).
- Jan. 1944 Designated Naval Aviator.
- Jan. 1944 Operational Flight Training, USNAS Cecil Field.
- Apr. 1944 Carrier Qualified in (SBD), *USS Sable*, Lake Michigan.
- May 1944 Assigned to VF 47, (F6F) Initial Carrier landings CVE *USS Wake Island*, Quonset Point , Rhode Island.
- Nov. 1944 Deployed to NAS Punene Maui, Hawaii, CVE *Macasser Straits*, (F6F).
- Jan. 1945 Deployed aboard *USS Bataan CVL 29*, (F6F).
- Mar, 1945 Commencement of Combat Cruise.
- Mar. 1945 First Aerial Combat-two kills over Okinawa, 1 Zeke and 1 Tojo.
- Apr. 1945 Invasion of Okinawa, two kills, 1 Tojo and 1 Zeke.
- Apr. 1945 Fighter Sweep, Tokuno - 3 Japanese A/C burned.
- Apr. 1945 Fighter Sweep in support of invasion of Okinawa, 2 Japanese A/C burned, 1 on the was taking off.
- May 1945 Approximately 10 Japanese A/C destroyed on the ground.
- Jun/Jul. 45 Sortied with 3rd Fleet from Leyte Gulf, Philippines. TG 38.3 enroute for missions against installations in Toyko, Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu, Kure.
- Aug. 1945 Enroute to Tokyo when recalled due to end of hostilities.
- Aug. 1945 VF 47 transferred to *USS San Jacinto (CVL)*. Commenced initial POW missions and Japanese occupation combat air patrols.

Nov. 1945 Assigned to VF 6 (F6F) Combat Flight Instructor, USNAS Miami, FL

Nov. 1946 Assigned to VN18A Latin American Flight Training Program (N2S, SNJ, SNB, R4D, R5D). and Instrument Flight School.

6/47 Assigned to 5 term Program at George Washington University, Wash. D.C. (SNJ, SNB).

6/48-12/50 Assigned to Fleet Service Squadron, FASRON (109), USNAS Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. (SNB, R4D-6, F6F-5). Designated Plane Commander R4D.

10/49-11/49 All Weather Flight School, NAS Corpus Christi, TX, (SNB-5)

01/51-12/51 General Line School. Monterey, CA. (SNJ, SNB).

01/52-8/53 Assigned to VF Type Training Dept. NAS Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, NY (F6F-5, SNB, R4D).

9/53 Assigned to VF 84, NAS Oceana, VA. *USS Lake Champlain (CVA 39)*. Bombing and Strafing Complex, won Individual "E". (TV-2, F9F-5)

9/54-4/55 VF 84 aboard *USS Lake Champlain (CVA 39)* deployed on Med. Cruise. (F9F-5).

6/55-9/57 Assigned to *USS Forestal (CVA-59)* Initial Commissioning Crew as Assistant Air Operations Officer. (SNB-5, TV-2, F7U-3M, TF, AD-4, F9F-8)

10/57-3/58 Assigned to ATU 101/ ATU 201 NAS Corpus Christi, TX, (SNB, TV-2, F9F-5).

3/58-8/59 Asst. Staff Operations, Chief of Advanced Training Command, Corpus Christi, TX, (F9F-5, F9F-8T, TV-2).

8/59-8/60 Student, Naval War College, Senior Course, Newport, RI. (TV-2, SNB-5, JRB-6, F9F-8T).

8/60-11/60 Assigned to VF 174, NAS Cecil Field, FL. (F9F-8T, F8U, T2V, SNB-5).

11/60-1/62 CO, VF 103, *USS Forestal (CVA-59)* Med. Cruise, (F8U-2).

2/62-8/63 CO, VF 174, NAS Cecil Field, FL. (F8U-2N, F8U-1T).

8/63-1/65 Assigned to Staff, Naval War College, Newport RI, (SNB-5, S2E, TC45J, UC45J, U-11A).

2/65-6/67 Assigned to Staff, Commander Carrier Division Two aboard *USS America (CVA-66)*. Operations Officer, Med. Cruise. (TF-1, TC45).

7/67-9/68 CO *USS PICTOR (AF54)*, Vietnam war. Deployed to WestPac, (TF9J, TC45J).

9/68-7/69 Assistant Chief of Staff to the Chief of Naval Aviation Basic Command, NAS Pensacola, FL (TC45J, T2B, U11-A, T34B, TH57, T28B, TT-1, Lockheed Jet Star).

7/31/69 Retired From U.S. Navy.

2/70-9/86. Aviation Consultant, Aircraft Accident Investigator and Aviation Insurance Adjuster, for Aero Loss Adjusters, Inc., Los Angeles, CA. In this capacity he worked in South

America, Central America and Mexico, mainly investigating general aviation accidents, retrieval of damaged aircraft and stolen aircraft used for trafficking of narcotics. During his 16 years as an aviation consultant, etc. he flew the Cessna 150, 140, 172, 182, 210, 310, Aztec, Cessna 420, Cherokee, Cessna 206, Beechcraft, and commercial rotor craft (Bell 47D1).

Ratings Attained:

Airline Transport Pilot - Rating.
Special Instrument Pilot Rating.
Designated Plane Commander in R4D.

7/12/86 Last A/C flown Beaver RX550 Ultralight, Perris Valley, CA.

6/21/87 Hot Air Balloon, Ecstasy, Perris Valley, CA.

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) Perhaps my most interesting and challenging flight was off the coast of Okinawa when our Division of four Hellcats encountered a flight of 12 Japanese aircraft. We not only disrupted their intended mission but on that day in March 1945, I shot down my very first and second enemy aircraft. One Zeke and one Tojo.

(2) Another interesting event was the "Victory Parade" over Tokyo Harbor September 1945. Upon the signing of the Japanese Surrender aboard the *USS Missouri (BB45)*. We flew over at the time of the signing by Fleet Admiral C.W. Nimitz.

(3) I am also a member of the following organizations:
The Tailhook Association.
Life Member of VFW (7142 San Clemente).
Association of Naval Aviation.
Naval Aviation Museum Foundation.
Naval War College Foundation.
USS Bataan (CV 29) Association.
U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation.
U.S. Navy and Marine Corps retirement Home.