



Donald K. Issitt, Captain, USN (Ret.)
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Date of Designation: 16 July 1941 NA # 8207

Dates of Active Duty: 15 November 1940 - 30 June 1972.

Total Flight Hours: 7,820

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,062

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,670 Prop: 3,150 VF/VA: 4,050
 VT: 1,620 Other: VF(N) 2,150

Combat Tours:

WW II: (1942-1944) WestPac- Marshall & Gilbert Islands; Mariana Islands; Soloman Islands; New Hebrides and Palau Islands; Battle of Philippine Sea - 163 missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, Night Fighter Squadron SEVENTY ONE (VFN-71), on USS *Bennington*, 1952 - 1953.
 CO, Carrier Air Group FOURTEEN, USS *Ranger*, 1958 - 1960.
 CO, Fleet Oiler USS *Kaskaskia*, 1963 - 1964.
 CO, USS *Essex*, 1965 - 1966.

Combat Awards:

Navy Cross
 Legion of Merit
 Air Medal

Duty Assignment Chronology

1941-1949 Assigned as pilot in various Pacific Fleet carrier based torpedo and night fighter squadrons and duty in ship's company.
 1950-1951 Officer-in-Charge, Instrument Training Unit, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.



1951-1952 U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California - Student.
 1952-1953 Commanding Officer, Night Fighter Squadron SEVENTY-ONE (VFN-71) aboard USS *Bennington* (CV-20).
 1953-1954 Staff, Naval Air Forces, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.
 1954-1955 U. S. Naval Test Pilot School, Patuxent River, MD. - Student.
 1955-1958 U. S. Navy test pilot duty, Patuxent River, MD and Edwards AFB, CA.
 1958-1960 Commanding Officer, Carrier Air Group FOURTEEN, USS *Ranger* (CVA-61).
 1961-1962 Staff, Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
 1962 Office of Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.
 1962-1963 National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D. C. - Student.
 1963-1964 Commanding Officer, Fleet Oiler USS *Kaskaskia*.
 1964-1965 Commanding Officer, USS *Essex*.
 1966-1967 Chief of Staff, Commander Carrier Division SEVEN in USS *Enterprise* and USS *Coral Sea*.
 1968-1969 Deputy Director, (Research and Development) JCS, Washington, D. C.
 1970-1972 Chief, Military Assistance Advisory Group, Copenhagen, Denmark.
 1972 Retired from active duty, Washington, D. C.