



**Ronald H. Jesberg, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)**  
"Ron"

Date of Designation: 5 October 1960 NA # T-7538

Dates of Active Duty: 3 June 1959 - 1 September 1990

Total Flight Hours: 4,690

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 12 Rotary: 1,627

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 10 Prop: 666 Helo: 4,015 VF/VA: 8  
VR/VP: 18 HS/HC/HU: 4,015 VS: 13 Other: 634

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron 3, Aug. 1971  
Mar. 1972. Bien Thuy, Vietnam.  
OINC DET 8, Rach Gia, Vietnam - 428 Combat  
Missions (UH-1B/K/L/M).

Aviation Commands:

CO, HS-7, Dec. 1974 - Dec. 1975  
CO, HSL-30, Jul. 1978 - Jun. 1980  
CO, USS *Guam* (LPH-9), Mar. 1982 - Jul. 1983  
CO, USS *Nassau* (LHA-4), Jul. 1983 - Mar. 1985  
Commander, U. S. Naval Forces Central Command, Jun.  
1985 - Sep. 1987  
Commander, Helicopter Wings Atlantic, Oct. 1987-Aug. 90

Combat Awards:

12 Air Medals (Vietnam)  
Bronze Star with Combat "V" (Vietnam)  
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (Gold Star)

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

9/53-6/55 Midshipman, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute,  
Troy, NY.  
7/55-6/59 Midshipman, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis.  
6/59-10/60 Flight Training (NAS Pensacola, NAS  
Whiting, NAAF Ellyson).



10/60-6/63 Helicopter Utility Squadron 4 (Lakehurst, NJ,  
Arctic, Antarctic and Africa).  
6/63-6/66 Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey , CA.  
8/66-10/66 Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 1, NAS  
Key West, FL. (RAG).  
10/66-12/68 Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 3, NAS  
Norfolk, VA.  
12/68-1/71 Staff, COMNAVAIRLANT, Norfolk, VA.,  
(Rotary Wing Class Desk).  
1/71-7/71 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.  
7/71-8/71 Army Aviation School, Ft. Rucker, AL.  
8/71-3/72 Helicopter Attack (light) Squadron 3 (Bien  
Thuy, Vietnam) OINC DET 8  
3/72-7/73 Staff, COMOPTEVFOR, (Norfolk, VA,  
Haiphong Harbor) Air ASW Evaluations.  
7/73-10/73 Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 1,  
Quonset Point, RI. (RAG).  
10/73-12/74 XO, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 7,  
Jacksonville, FL.  
12/74-12/75 CO, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 7,  
Jacksonville, FL.  
12/75-3/76 Helicopter Anti-Submarine Wing 1,  
Jacksonville, FL. (Training Officer).  
4/76-2/78 USS *Guam* (LPH-9), Norfolk, VA. (Air Off.).  
2/78-7/78 Helicopter Anti-Submarine (Light) Squadron  
30, Norfolk, VA. (PCO).  
7/78-6/80 CO, Helicopter Anti-Submarine (Light)  
Squadron 30, Norfolk, VA. (FRS).  
6/80-7/81 Office of CNO, Air ASW Program  
Coordinator (OP 506), Washington, D. C.  
8/81-12/81 Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness  
Course, Idaho Falls, ID. (Student).  
12/81-3/82 Surface Warfare Officer School Command,  
Newport, RI. (Student).  
3/82-7/83 CO, USS *Guam* (LP 1-9), Norfolk, VA.,  
Beirut, Lebanon and Norway.  
7/83-3/85 CO, USS *Nassau* (LHA-4), Norfolk, VA,  
Honduras, Norway ,Beirut.  
3/85-6/85 Institute of Higher Defense Studies (Capstone)  
Washington, D. C. (Student).

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6/85-9/87 Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, Pearl Harbor, HI.  
 10/87-8/90 Commander, Helicopter Wings Atlantic, Jacksonville, FL.  
 9/90 Retired from active duty.  
 3/91-Present Sikorsky Aircraft, Stratford, CT.

## Summary of Significant Career Events

Admiral Ronald H. Jesberg is a native of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. He attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for two years prior to entering the United States Naval Academy in 1955. After graduation and commissioning in 1959, he reported for flight training to Pensacola, Florida, and was designated a Naval Aviator in October 1960.

Admiral Jesberg reported to his first fleet duty with Helicopter Utility Squadron FOUR, Lakehurst, New Jersey. At HU-4, he served as Detachment Officer-in-Charge and deployed aboard non-aviation ships to the Arctic, Antarctic, Africa and the Caribbean. Following his tour at HU-4, he reported to U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, in July 1963; he subsequently received a Master's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

Following graduation in June 1966, Admiral Jesberg reported to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron THREE, Norfolk, Virginia. The squadron deployed on board USS *Randolph* (CVS-15) to the Mediterranean, Caribbean and South America. He next reported to Commander, Naval Air Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet and served from December 1968 to January 1971, as the Helicopter Class Desk Officer.

After six months of study and graduation from Armed Forces Staff College in July 1971, Admiral Jesberg reported to Helicopter Attack LIGHT Squadron THREE, Bien Thuy, Vietnam, to serve as Officer-in-Charge of Detachment EIGHT, Rach Gia, until the squadron was decommissioned in March 1972. While attached to HAL-3, he flew more than 400 combat missions. In April 1972, he reported to Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force, where he served as LAMPS and SH-3H Project Officer and returned to Vietnam to assist in the mine clearing operations in Haiphong Harbor.

Upon completion of refresher training in November 1973 with Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron ONE, Quonset Point, Rhode Island, Admiral Jesberg reported to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron SEVEN, Jacksonville, Florida, as Executive Officer. He assumed command of HS-7 on December 5, 1974, while deployed to the Mediterranean, embarked USS *Saratoga* (CV-60).

Following his command and a short tour at Helicopter Antisubmarine Wing ONE, he reported to USS *Guam* (LPH-9) as Air Officer in April 1977. Deployments included the Caribbean, Indian Ocean, and the Mediterranean. In March 1978, he reported to Helicopter Antisubmarine LIGHT Squadron THIRTY for refresher training and was Commanding Officer of this fleet replacement squadron from July 7, 1978 to June 27, 1980. Next he was assigned to

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Air Warfare, as head of antisubmarine aircraft requirements.

Admiral Jesberg assumed command of USS *Guam* on March 26, 1982, and almost immediately deployed to Beirut, Lebanon, where *Guam* evacuated American citizens, secured the PLO evacuation and landed the first contingent of the Multi-national Peace Keeping Force. He departed *Guam* July 1, 1983, and served as CO of USS *Nassau* (LHA 4) from August 10, 1983 to 30 March 1985. During this time, the *Nassau* deployed twice to Honduras, once carrying Army troops and equipment, and again for a marine amphibious exercise. NASSAU also went north of the Arctic Circle for a major NATO exercise in Norway and then proceeded directly into the Mediterranean where it supported the American Embassy and U.S. forces ashore in Beirut for four months.

After spending 8 weeks at the Institute for higher Defense Studies he assumed command of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command on 14 June 1985 and was responsible for Naval Operations in the Persian Gulf.

Admiral Jesberg was assigned as Commander, Helicopter Wings, Atlantic on October 9, 1987, and was responsible for the operational readiness, training and logistical support of four helicopter wings composed of twenty-two squadrons of aircraft located in the Jacksonville, Florida; Norfolk, Virginia; and Pensacola areas. He is the immediate superior in command of Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida; Naval Air Station, Mayport, Florida; Air Test and Evaluation Squadron ONE, Patuxent River, Maryland, and the Naval Hospital and Personnel Support Activity, Jacksonville, Florida. He also exercises area coordination responsibilities over all Navy command in the state of Florida (excluding the Pensacola area) and the four southeastern counties of Georgia surrounding the Naval Submarine Base at Kings Bay.

Included among the medals Admiral Jesberg is authorized to wear are Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Admiral Jesberg retired from the U.S. Navy on 1 September 1990. He then joined Sikorsky Aircraft in March 1991 as the Manager, Business Development in the Planning Department. He has worked on the SH-60B, SH-60F, and HH-60H upgrades in the Navy program. In the Army program, he has worked on arming the UH-60L, and developing requirements for the UH-60Q (Medevac) and UH-60C (C&C) aircraft. He has worked at filling the Marine MLR mission with a Helicopter instead of the MV-22. He was the Head of the Naval Hawk Business Development Team which developed the CH-60 for the Navy VERTREP and the Marine HML missions.

Ron Jesberg was assigned as the Managing Director, Sikorsky Aircraft Australia Ltd. in Canberra, Australia. Upon returning from Australia he became the Manager, International Business Development. Presently he is the Marketing Manager, U.S. Government Customer Service.