



Jack Scott Kenyon, Captain, USN (Ret.)
 “Jack”

Date of Designation: 28 April 1943 NA # C-4593

Dates of Active Duty: 28 May 1942 - 1 January 1973

Total Flight Hours: 4,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 324

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 940 Prop: 3,060 VF/VA: 3,000

VR/VP: 250 VT: 750

Combat Tours:

WW II: VF-26, USS *Santee* (CVE-29), New Guinea, Halmahera & Philippine invasions, 1944 - 24 combat missions.

Vietnam: CO, USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34), Gulf of Tonkin, 1969.

Vietnam: Attack Carrier Strike Force (Chief of Staff), Gulf of Tonkin, 1970.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-73, Atlantic Fleet/Mediterranean, 1957 - 1958.

CO, USS *Calvert* (APA-32), Pacific Fleet, 1964 - 1965.

CO, USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34), Pacific Fleet, 1968 - 69.

Combat Awards:

2 Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross

2 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

6/42-4/43 Flight training, Athens, Dallas, Corpus Christi.
 5/43-8/43 Naval Photo School, Pensacola, FL.
 9/43-12/43 VF Operational Training (F4F), Green Cove Springs, FL.



4/44-12/44 VF-26 (FM-2), Section Leader, USS *Santee*, Pacific Fleet.
 1/45-6/45 Combat Team Leader Training (FM-2), Deland
 9/45-1/48 VBF-5/VF-6A (F6F/F8F) Flight Officer, Division Leader.
 1/48-12/48 General Line School, Monterey, CA.
 1/49-4/49 Flight Instructor, ATU-1(F4U), Corpus Christi.
 5/49-6/51 Assistant O-in-C/O-in-C, Guided Missile Training Unit 3, Chincó (F6F, F4U, F7F, F9F-2, FH-1, TV-2, AD, JD).
 10/51-11/52 62nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron (F-86A), O'Hare Air Force Base, Operations Officer.



11/52-8/54 XO, VF-32 (F9F-6), world cruise, CVA-40.
 8/54-6/55 Naval War College, Command and Staff Course, DUFLYINS.
 7/55-5/57 AFSWP, Weapons Orientation Team, public speaking tour.
 5/57-3/58 CO, VF-73 (FJ-3M), Med cruise, CVA-15,
 4/58-8/60 CINCNELM, Assistant Air Operations for CV and Special Weapons Operations.
 8/60-1/62 BUPERS, Aviation Commander Detailer.
 2/62-4/63 XO, USS *Forrestal* (CVA-59), Med cruise.
 8/63-6/64 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D. C., DUFLYINS.
 9/64-7/65 CO, USS *Calvert* (APA-32), Pacific cruise.

Duty Assignment Chronology continued

8/65-1/67 Senior Aide and Executive Assistant to
DCNO (Air).
1/67-12/67 George Washington University, BBA.
3/68-9/69 CO, USS USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34), Pac cruise
1/70-12/70 Attack Carrier Strike Force 71/77, Chief of
Staff
1/71-1/72 OPNAV, O-in-C, Flag Plot and CNO briefers.
1/72-12/72 Deputy, Naval Inspector General.
1/1/73 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

I don't have any sensational claims to make. Wanted to be a pilot from the time of my first flight at age 5 - on my dad's lap - in a Ford Tri-motor over my hometown of Oklahoma city. Soloed a J-50 Cub in civilian pilot training 2/21/42. Lost a few months by going to Navy Pre-flight school but when the time came I got fighters!!! Went to VF-26, PacFlt, 1944, where I "selected" Golden Eagle Paul Thayer as my Division Leader - later led his second section.

USAF exchange provided interesting year in Sabrejets 1951-52. Late 1952, ordered as XO of Navy's first swept-wing squadron(VF-32) flying the F9F-6. I was encouraged in 1955 with an early selection to Commander and command of an FJ-3M squadron shortly after making my number. My CO *Oriskany* tour in '68-69 was capped by deployment to WestPac where *Oriskany* was judged number one in order of merit among all CVAs deployed during that wartime period. Also, along the way I was privileged to serve under some great Flag Officers such as Mike Michaelis, Paul Ramsey, Mickey Weisner and Bill Martin. And just to think--they even paid me too!!