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Frank P. Kleffner, Commander, USN

Commander Frank Peter Kleffner was born in Belt, Montana on March 9, 1923. He attended Belt Valley High School, Belt, Montana. He began military service on October 29, 1942, entered flight training and was commissioned Ensign and designated Naval Aviator in July 1943. He was shot down at Guam in June 1944, and was aboard the USS Princeton when it was sunk in October 1944. He married Nancy Crandall of Twin Falls, Idaho on October, 1 1962.

In addition to the Distinguished Flying Cross, Commander Kleffner was awarded the Air Medal, Victory Medal (World War II), American Theater Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon with five stars, the Japanese Occupation Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal and the United Nations Ribbon.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF DUTY STATIONS:

10/42-7/43 Flight Training.
19/43-10-46 VF-27 (Fighter Pilot).
11/45-11/47 Corpus Christi, TX. (Flight Instructor).
1/48-1/50 VP-29, (FPO Patrol Plane).
1-60-2/562 NAS, Alameda, CA (Maintenance Officer and Operations Department).
3/52-8/54 VR-8 (PC Transport aircraft).
9/54-6/56 University of Colorado (NROTC Unit, 5-Term Student Program).
7/56-9/56 Fleet Gunnery School, San Diego, CA.
9/56-6/57 General Line School, Monterey, CA.
7/57-2/59 USS *Antietam* (Aircraft Handling Officer and Assistant Air Officer).
2/59-7/60 VAH-6 (Operations Officer).
7/60-1/61 VAH-6 (Executive Officer).
1/61-1/63 NWEF (Operations Officer).
1/63-4/64 NWEF (Executive Officer).
4/64-Pres Staff, Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force, Norfolk, Virginia.

PROMOTIONS

15 JULY 1943	Ensign
1 NOV 1944	Lieutenant (junior grade)
1 AUG 1946	Lieutenant
1 FEB 1964	Lieutenant Commander
1 AUG 1958	Commander