



Vernon L. Micheel, Captain, USN (Ret.)
 "Mike"

Date of Designation: 10 September 1941 NA # 8861

Dates of Active Duty: 16 December 1940 - 1 July 1972.

Total Flight Hours: 3,367

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 205

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 371 Prop: 2,996 VF/VA: 2,972 VT: 350

Combat Tours:

WW II: VS-6, VB-6 (SBD), Apr 1942 - Dec. 1942, USS *Enterprise*, Midway Island, Guadalcanal, Santa Cruz. Cactus Airforce VB-6 (Sept, Oct, Nov. 1942) - 27 combat missions.

WW II: VB-2 (SB2C and F6F), Mar. 1944 - Oct. 1944, USS *Hornet*, New Guinea, Truk, Guam, Saipan, Jimas, Philippine Sea and Philippines. - 39 combat missions.

Vietnam: Operations Officer, COMCARDIV-3/CTF 77 Yankee Station, Oct. 1964 - May 1965.

Aviation Commands:

CO, ATU-3, Advanced Training Command (FG-1D), Oct. 1946 - Oct. 1947.

CO, VF-43, (F9F-5), Nov. 1952 - Jul. 1954.

CO, Naval Station, Mayport FL., Aug. 1967 - Aug. 1969.

Combat Awards:

Navy Cross

Legion of Merit with "V"

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses

6 Air Medals



Duty Assignment Chronology

12/40-10/41 Flight Training, NAS St. Louis, Pensacola, and Miami.

11/41-4/42 Advanced Carrier Training Group, NAS San Diego, CA.

4/42-6/42 VS-6, USS *Enterprise*.

6/42-9/42 VB-6, USS *Enterprise*.

1/43-6/43 VB-6, USS *Yorktown* (May & Jun 1943).

6/43-11/44 VB-2, USS *Hornet* (Feb - Nov. 1944).

12/44-3/45 Adv. Trng. Command, NAS Melbourne, FL.

4/45-10/45 Adv. Trng. Command, NAS Kingsville, TX.

10/45-11/45 Adv. Trng. Command, NAS Vero Beach, FL.

11/45-6/46 Adv. Trng. Command, NAS Miami, FL.

6/46-9/46 Adv. Trng. Command, NAS Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

10/46-9/47 Adv. Trng. Command, NAS Cecil Field, FL.

10/47-6/49 USS *Kearsarge*.

7/49-5/50 General Line School, Newport, RI. (Student).

6/50-6/52 Staff, NROTC., University of Oklahoma.

7/ 52-8/52 NAAS Kingsville, TX (Student).

9/52-11/52 Staff, Air Group 10 (temporary duty).

11/52-7/54 VF-43, USS *Tarawa* (Oct. 1953 - Jul. 1954).

8/54-1/55 Armed Forces Staff College Norfolk, VA.

2/55-4/57 Bureau of Aeronautics, Washington, D. C.

5/57-10/58 USS *Boxer*, NAS San Diego, CA.

11/58-7/60 Staff, ComFairHawaii, Barbers Pt. Oahu, HI.

8/60-8/63 Naval War College, Newport, RI. (Student and staff).

10/63-4/65 Staff, Commander Carrier Division-3 (USS *Coral Sea*, *USS Ranger*).

6/65-8/67 Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (OJCS), Washington, D. C.

8/67-8/69 Naval Station, Mayport, FL.

9/69-6/72 Staff, ComFairJax, NAS Jacksonville, FL.

7/1/72 Retired from active duty.