



Morris, A. Pelle, Captain, USN (Ret.)
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Date of Designation: December 1953

Dates of Active Duty: 6 June 1953 - 1 August 1981

Total Flight Hours: 6,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 700

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,000 Prop: 2,000 VF/VA: 5,000

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: 01/68-07/68, *USS Ticonderoga*, CV-14,
 135 combat missions.

Vietnam: 03/69-07/69, *USS Oriskany*, CV-34,
 55 combat missions.

Aviation Commands:

XO/CO, VA 23, 1968-69 (A4F).

CO, *USS Ashtabula*, AO 51, 1974-75.

CO, *USS Constellation*, CV 64, 1976-78.

CO, Recruit training Command, San Diego, 1979/80.

Center Commander, Naval Training Center, San Diego
 1980-81.

Combat Awards:

Legion of Merit

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses

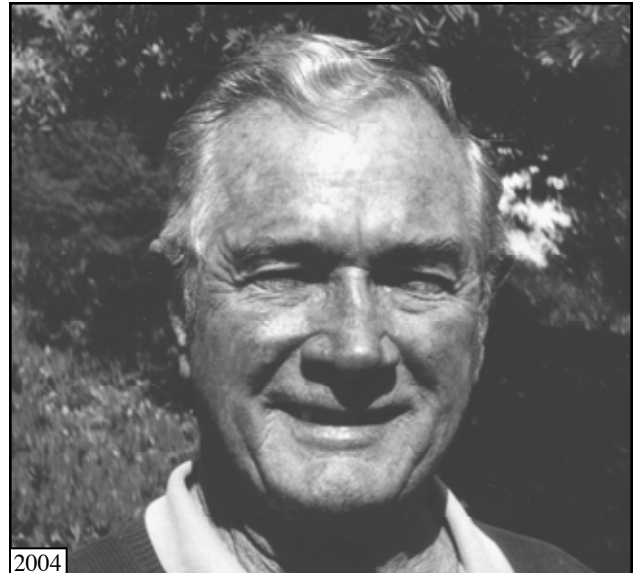
2 Bronze Stars

22 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

1952-1953 Flight Training Command, Pensacola &
 Corpus Christi (SNJ, SNB, AD-1).

1954-1956 VF-194/VA196, (AD-5's) and mostly
 (AD-6's). Deployed on *USS Wasp* and
Lexington. Also a little bit of (TBM's),
 (F-9F 5's & 6's).



- 1957-1960 Flight Instructor, Pensacola, (T-28, T-2V,
 T2J-1, T-34, TT-1, S2F, SNB, F9F-8T).
- 1960-1962 Catapult & Arresting Gear Officer, *USS*
Ticonderoga; 2 Cruises to WestPac (F9F-
 8T, C-1A, SNB).
- 1962-1964 VA-125 (RAG), VA 94, (A-4A/B/C/E).
 2 cruises on *USS Ranger*.
- 1965 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.
 (T-33B).
- 1965-1967 National Military Command Systems
 Support Center, Pentagon, D.C. (T39D,
 T-1A).
- 1967-1969 VA-125 (Rag), XO/CO VA 23, (A-4F)
 Deployments on *Ticonderoga*, and
Oriskany
- 1969-1970 Naval War College, Newport, RI. (T-1A).
- 1970-1972 Ops/XO *USS Kitty Hawk*, CV 63 Two
 WestPac Cruises (C-1A).
- 1972-1974 Weapons Officer, COMNAVAIRPAC
 (U11-A, TA4J).
- 1974-1975 CO, *USS Ashtabula*, AO-51, - Not much
 flying.
- 1976-1978 CO, *USS Constellation*, CV 64, (A-6E, SH-
 3A, H-3A, A-7, 1H, E-2C, F-14A).
- 1979 Air Logistics, Naval Material Command,
 Washington, D.C.
- 1979-1981 CO, Recruit Training Command, and
 Center Commander, Naval Training Center,
 San Diego, CA. Retired from there.

Summary of Significant Career Events

1. As arresting gear officer on *Ticonderoga*, I had the
 fastest barricade in WestPac under one minute.
2. I nearly shot down a pilotless F-7U after an ejection,
 but was out of ammo in my AD. I did turn it away
 from Atsugi, however, by giving it some slipstream. It
 flew for 13 minutes after ejection.