



**Robert F. Schoultz, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)**  
“Dutch”

Date of Designation: 1 September 1945

Dates of Active Duty: August 1943 - 1 March 1987

Total Flight Hours: 5,450

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 835 Rotary: Few

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 3,200 Prop: 2,100 Helo: 150 VF/VA: 3,000  
VT: 900

Combat Tours:

Shipboard only

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-93, 1963 - 1964

CO, USS *Forrestal* (CV-59), 1971 - 1972

COMCARGRU-2 (Battle Force 6th Fleet), 1976 - 1979

COMNAVAIRPAC, 1980 - 1983

DCNO AIR (OP-05), 1983 - 1985

DCINCUSNAVEUR/USCOMEASTLANT, 1985 - 1987

Combat Awards:

Bronze Star (Shipboard)

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

Vice Admiral Robert F. Schoultz spent his youth in Omaha, Nebraska. He entered the Navy as a student in the University of Nebraska's NROTC program and earned his wings and commission in September 1945.

Early in his career, Vice Admiral Schoultz served in a variety of capacities in torpedo and attack squadrons and aboard USS *Midway* (CVA 41). In 1960, following duty on the Staff of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, he served as Executive Officer and then as Commanding



Officer, Attack Squadron Ninty-Three. During this tour, Vice Admiral Schoultz led his squadron on two Western Pacific deployments in USS *Ranger* (CVA 61).

From August 1964 to December 1965, he was Head of the Junior Officer Assignment Section, Bureau of Naval Personnel; he then joined the aircraft carrier USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt* (CVA 42) as Operations Officer then Executive Officer.

Vice Admiral Schoultz was Strike Warfare Officer and Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans on the SECOND Fleet Staff prior to assuming command of the amphibious supply ship USS *Arneb* (LKA 56) in December 1969. He commanded the aircraft carrier USS *Forrestal* (CVA 59) from June 1971 to 1972.

He then returned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in late 1972 as Assistant Director for Captain Detailing (Aviation). In November 1973 he was promoted to Flag rank and became Director of the National Military Command Center (J-3), Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon, then later served as Vice Director for Operations (J-3), Joint Chiefs of Staff until detaching in September 1976 to attend the Senior Officers Ship Material Management Course, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Vice Admiral Schoultz assumed command of Battle Force SIXTH Fleet in April 1977. In August 1979, he reported to the OPNAV Staff as Special Assistant to the Director for Command and Control (OP-094). Vice Admiral Schoultz assumed command of Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet in January 1980.

Prior to assuming duty as U.S. Commander Eastern Atlantic and Deputy Commander in Chief U.S. Naval Forces, Europe on February 1, 1985, he served as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare).

Vice Admiral Schoultz wears the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (third award), Bronze Star Medal, Joint Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Republic of Korea National Security Merit Gukseon Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with six Bronze Stars and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device.

**Family:** Vice Admiral Schoultz is married to the former Rosemary Parker of Falls City, Nebraska. They have two sons, Robert and Scott.

**Post-retirement:** Since retiring, he is the President of Rosco, Inc., a defense consulting company with contracts assisting U. S. and foreign defense contractors.

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) First squadron tour transitioned from SB2C-4s to SB2C-5s, to AM-1s, to AD-1s.
- (2) During training command tour, instructed Primary Basic in SNJs one year and one year and half in advanced Jet training in F9Fs.
- (3) Spent over three years in VA-93 with last year in command as LCDR, won E and moved squadron as third to move to NAS Lemoore.
- (4) Suffered three carrier ship's company tours, CIC, Operations Officer, Executive officer before command of *Forrestal*.
- (5) Designated "Tailhooker of the Year" in 1983 by the Tailhook Association
- (6) Longest holder of Grey Eagle award (except for LT. Ellyson). 1981 to 1987
- (7) Flew flag on seven different carriers during Battle Force Sixth Fleet in 28 months.
- (8) Awarded three DSMs.