



Armistead B. Smith, Jr., Captain, USN (Ret.)
 “Chick”

Date of Designation: 19 February 1942 NA # 11112

Dates of Active Duty: May 1942 - July 1972

Total Flight Hours: 4,130

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 532

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 1,000 Fixed Wing: 3,130

Combat Tours:

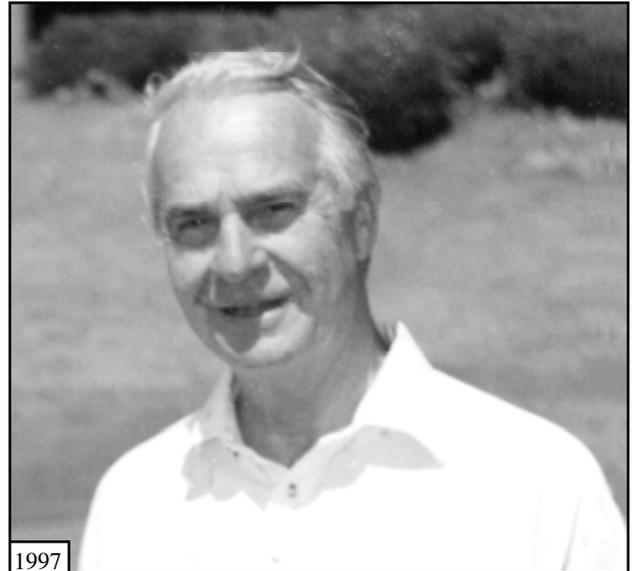
- WW II: VF-9, USS *Ranger* (CV-4), Nov. 1942 (North African invasion) - 10 missions (F4F);
- WW II: VF-9, USS *Essex* (CV-9), Sep. 1943 - Mar. 1944 (Marcus, Wake, Rabaul, Tarawa, Kwajalein, Marshalls, Truk and Saipan) - 41 missions (F6F);
- WW II: VBF-12, USS *Randolph* (CV-15), Jan. 1945 - Jun. 1945 (Tokyo, Bonins, Iwo Jima, Tokyo, Okinawa and Japan) - 44 missions (F6F).

Aviation Commands:

- CO, VF-71, Jul. 1948 - Jul. 1949.
- CO, ATU-223, Jan. 1957 - Jul. 1957.
- Commander, CVG-7, Jul. 1957 - Mar. 1959.
- CO, USS *Pine Island* (AV-12), Jun. 1966 - May 1967.
- CO, NAS Miramar, Jun. 1967 - Jul. 1969.
- Commander, Fleet Air Miramar, Jun. 1970 - Jul 1972.

Combat Awards:

- Silver Star
- 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses
- 8 Air Medals



Duty Assignment Chronology

- 5/41-2/42 Aviation Cadet.
- 2/42-4/44 VF-9 (F4F, F6F).
- 4/44-7/45 VBF-12 (F6F).
- 7/45-7/46 ATU-1
- 7/46-7/47 General Line School.
- 7/47-7/49 VF-71
- 7/49-1/50 USAF Command and Staff School.
- 1/50-7/51 Carrier Qualification Training Unit (CQTU).
- 7/51-6/53 COMFAIRJAX Staff.
- 6/53-8/55 CINCNELM Staff.
- 8/55-7/57 ATU-223.
- 7/57-3/59 Commander, Carrier Air Wing-7.
- 3/59-4/60 USS *Essex* (CV-9).
- 4/60-5/62 OPNAV, Washington, D.C.
- 5/62-7/63 COMCARDIV-6 Staff.
- 7/63-6/64 Naval War College.
- 6/64-6/66 OPNAV, Washington, D.C.
- 6/66-5/67 CO, USS *Pine Island* (AV-12).
- 5/67-7/69 CO, NAS Miramar, CA.
- 7/69-6/70 Chief of Staff, CARDIV-7.
- 6/70-7/72 Commander, Fleet Air Miramar.
- 8/1/72 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Eleven confirmed air victories.

Family

Captain Smith is married to the former Margaret Pagliotti of Santa Barbara, California. They have three children - sons Michael and Armistead B. III, and daughter Mrs. John Wallace. They have six grandchildren.