



**Mark P. Fitzgerald, Admiral, USN (Ret.)**  
 "Lobster"

Date of Designation: October 2, 1975

Dates of Active Duty: 12 October 1973 -1 December 2010.

Total Flight Hours: 4,693

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,110

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4,650 Prop: 33 VF/VA: 4,550 VT: 90

Other: 10

Combat Tours:

Iraq: CO VA-46, Aug. 1990 - Apr. 1991, 24 missions, 124 hrs (A-7E, USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67))

Iraq: CVW-14, OSW Mar. 1994 - Oct. 1994 (F-18C, F-14D USS *Carl Vinson*)

Afghanistan: CCG-8 OEF Sep. 2001 - Apr. 2002 (F-18C, USS *Carl Vinson* {CVN-70})

Total Combat Missions: 24

Aviation Commands:

CO VA-46, May 1990 - Jun. 1991

COMCVW-14, Jun. 1994 - Oct 1995 COMCARGRU-8

Apr. 2001 - May 2002

Combat Awards:

2 Legion of Merit

2 Distinguished Flying Cross

2 Bronze Star

2 Defense Meritorious Service Medals

1 Meritorious Service Medal

2 Air Medals with Combat "V"

3 Strike Flight Air Medals

2 Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V"



### Duty Assignment Chronology

- 1973-1975 Naval Air Training Command, Student Naval Aviator (T-34B,T-2, TA-4).
- 1975 VA-122 A-7E RAG.
- 1975-1979 VA-195 USS *Kitty Hawk*, USS *America*.
- 1979-1981 VA-174 RAG LSO.
- 1981-1983 CVW-17 LSO USS *Forrestal*, USS *Saratoga*.
- 1983-1984 Naval War College Newport, RI.
- 1985-1988 VA-105 Dept HD Ops/Maint Officer (A-7E).
- 1989-1991 VA-46 XO/CO USS *John F Kennedy* (A-7E).
- 1991-1992 Naval Intel SPEAR Suitland, MD.
- 1993 Dep JFACC, Operation "Provide Promise, Deny Flight", Vincenzo Italy.
- 1993-1995 DCAG/CAG, CVW-14 USS *Carl Vinson*
- 1995-1998 Exec. Asst. Supreme Allied Commander Europe
- 1998-2000 Deputy NAVCENT/5th Fleet.
- 2001-2002 ComCARGRU-8 USS *Theodore Roosevelt*.
- 2002-2004 Director Air Warfare, OPNAV N-78.
- 2004 Director Naval Warfare N-7.
- 2004-2006 Commander Second Fleet.
- 2006-2007 Director Navy Staff.
- 2007-2010 Com Joint Force Command Naples/Com NAVEUR/NAVAF.

### Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Top Hook Cruise USS *America*, 1979.
- (2) AIRLANT LSO of the Year, 1981.
- (3) STRIKFIGHTWINGLANT Top Bomber 1988 flying A-7E in combined F-18/A-7 squadron competition.
- (4) Led first Navy strike on Baghdad, January 1991.
- (5) Stood up the JFACC in Vincenzo, Italy for Deny Flight, 1993.
- (6) Executive Assistant for SACEUR during combat operations in Balkans, 1996-1998.
- (7) Deputy NAVEUR for Operation Desert Fox and JTF Commander for USS *Cole* protection/removal from Aden Yemen 1998-2000. CTF-50 for 108 coalition ships Operation Enduring Freedom 2001.

- (8) Lead NATO Balkans, Iraq and anti-pirate operations off Somalia at JFC Naples, 2008-2010.
- (9) After retirement, became Chairman of ANA 2011 to present.
- (10) Vice Chair then Chairman of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation 2011-2017.
- (11) Appointed by Florida Governor as Member of Florida Defense Support Task Force 2014-present.
- (12) Active consulting with numerous Defense and Maritime companies.
- (13) Member of several Washington, DC Think Tanks.
- (14) Other Awards include German Cross of Honor Gold, Hungarian Defense Medal, Kosovo Military Medal, Knights of the Maltese Cross, Order of St. Maurice, and Honorary Master Chief.



ANA Chairman



1,000 Traps in F-14D with Mike McCabe, both of us got the 1,000th on the flight.