



Samuel W. Hubbard, Jr., RADM, USN (Ret.)
 “Sam”

Date of Designation: 21 April 1953 NA # T-3215

Dates of Active Duty: November 1951 - January 1983

Total Flight Hours: 6,000+

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 800+

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 5,000 Prop: 1,000 VF/VA: 6,000

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: VF-154, USS *Coral Sea*, Mar. - Dec. 1965
 Commander, CVG-19, USS *Oriskany*, 1970-1971

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-62 (F-8s), 1968-1969. Deployed to Med on USS *Shangri La* (CVA-38).

Commander, Carrier Air Wing 19, May 1971 - Jun. 1972.

CO, USS *Ponchatoula* (AO-148), Sep. 1973 - Feb. 1975.

CO, USS *Kitty Hawk* (CVA-63), Jun. 1975 - Nov. 1976.

Combat Awards:

Legion of Merit with Combat “V”.

14 Air Medals

Duty Assignment Chronology

11/51-4/53 Flight training (Pensacola and Corpus Christi).
 4/53-7/53 Instrument training, jet training (Corpus Christi, TX).
 8/53-2/55 VF-91, NAS Alameda and USS *Hornet* (CVA-12).
 2/53-11/55 Basic Training Command (Primary Flight Instructor).
 11/55-4/57 Inactive duty. Reserve Squadron, NAS Birmingham, AL.
 4/57-10/59 Basic Training Command, Pensacola, FL.



11/59-3/60 VF-124, F8 Training, NAS Moffett Field, CA.
 3/60-11/61 VF-24, NAS Alameda and USS *Midway*.
 11/61-12/62 Flag Lieutenant, Carrier Division Four.
 1/63-3/65 Combat Flight Instructor, VF-124 (F8), NAS Miramar, CA.
 3/65-12/65 VF-154, USS *Coral Sea* (Vietnam).
 12/65-7/66 Combat Flight Instructor and Maintenance Officer, VF-124.
 8/66-6/67 Command and Staff College, Newport, RI.
 7/67-10/67 VF-124 Refresher Training.
 11/67-11/69 XO/CO, VF-62, NAS Cecil Field and USS *Shangri La* (CVA-38).
 11/69-1/71 Action Officer, OPNAV (OP-60).
 5/71-6/72 Commander, Air Wing 19.
 8/72-8/73 National War College (Student), Washington, D. C.
 9/73-2/75 CO, USS *Ponchatoula* (AO-148).
 6/75-11/76 CO, USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63).
 6/77-7/79 Deputy Defense Advisor, U. S. Mission to NATO.
 8/79-6/82 Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for International Programs (DDR&E).
 7/82-1/83 Director, Aviation Manpower and Training, OPNAV (OP-59).
 1/1/83 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Flew first T2V-1's (Lockheed T-33 with tailhook) in Training Command.
- (2) One of the first few aviators to fly the T2J-1 Buckeye from North American plant in Columbus, Ohio to NAS Patuxent River, MD. With the assistance of Service Test Division, flew and developed a training syllabus for aircraft, and then introduced the aircraft to Basic Training.
- (3) Survived with no major accidents. Loved it all the way.

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“Safe for Solo” - 24 February 1997