



Keith S. Jones Captain, USN (Ret.)
"Casey"

Date of Designation: 16 February 1962 NA# V18512

Dates of Active Duty: 8 June 1960 - 31 December 1985.

Total Flight Hours: 13,280
Military: 6,000 Civil: 7,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: 834

Total Combat Missions: 190

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: USS *Hancock* (CVA19), VA-216 2/65-5/65.
USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV63), VA-192 12/70-6/71.
USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV63), VA-192 3/72-3/72.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-153.
CO, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels).
CO, CVW-3 USS *Saratoga* (CV60).
CG, USS *Shreveport* (LPD12).

Combat Awards:

1 Distinguished Flying Cross
1 Individual Air Medal
19 Strike/Flight Air Medals
1 Navy Commendation Medal
1 Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and Silver Star

Duty Assignment Chronology

6/56-6/60	US Naval Academy.
7/60-10/60	US Navy School of Preflight, NAS Pensacola.
10/60-12/60	VT-1 NAAS Saufley Field.
1/61-6/61	VT-7 NAAS Kingsville.
7/61-8/61	VT-4 NAS Pensacola.
9/61-12/61	VT-22 NAAS Kingsville.
1/62-2/62	VT-23 NAAS Kingsville.
4/62	VA-127 NAS Lemoore.



4/62-9/63	VA-125 NAS Lemoore.
10/63-12/65	VA-216 NAS Lemoore/USS <i>Hancock</i> (CVA19).
1/66-9/67	Naval Post Graduate School (Aeronautical Engineering).
10/67-3/70	VA-122 NAS Lemoore.
3/70-3/72	VA-192 NAS Lemoore/USS <i>Kitty Hawk</i> (CV63).
4/72-6/72	VA-122 NAS Lemoore.
8/72-1/73	Armed Forces Staff College.
3/73	VA-127 NAS Lemoore.
3/73-6/73	VA-125 NAS Lemoore.
7/73-9/75	VA-153 NAS Lemoore/USS <i>Oriskany</i> (CV34).
9/75	VA-127 NAS Lemoore.
10/75-2/78	NFDS (Blue Angels) NAS Pensacola.
2/78-3/78	VT-86 NAS Pensacola.
3/78-6/78	VA-174 NAS Cecil Field.
7/78-8/78	VF-171 NAS Oceana.
8/78-9/78	VS-41 NAS North Island.
9/78	VAQ-129 NAS Whidbey Island.
9/78-12/79	CVW-3 NAS Cecil Field/USS <i>Saratoga</i> (CV60).
12/79-5/81	Naval Military Personnel Command, Washington.
5/81-1/82	Deep Draft Training.
2/82-7/83	USS <i>Shreveport</i> (LPD12) Norfolk.
7/83-12/85	Commander Naval Air Forces US Pacific Fleet.
12/85	Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Initial Instructor cadre in A-7 RAG.
- (2) Selected for aviation command and served as XO/CO of VA-153 as a Lieutenant Commander (ADM Zumwalt "Bobby Sox Program.").

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Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (3) First Naval Academy graduate selected as Commanding Officer/Flight Leader of US Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels).
- (4) Flew all CVW-3 aircraft as CAG:
 - a. Shipboard: F-4, A-7, S-3, SH-3.
 - b. Shore based: A-6, EA-6, RA-5, E-2.

Summary of Significant Post Career Events

- (1) Soloed at age 16, Private Pilot at age 17, actively flying since then.
- (2) General Manager of Department of Energy Albuquerque based Aviation Contract.
- (3) Certificated FAA Airline Transport Pilot/ATP with two business jet type-ratings, one turboprop transport category type rating and experimental aircraft rating in L-39 Albatross.
- (4) Active commercial pilot/business jet flight instructor.
- (5) Fourth civil pilot to hold type-rating in new category of business jet, Eclipse 500.
- (6) Aerobatic pilot and Upset Recovery Instructor (URT) in L-39 and T-34 aircraft.
- (7) Received FAA Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award 01/2011.
- (8) Naval Academy Information Officer (Blue and Gold Officer) twenty-seven years.