

Howard E. Greer, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.) "Howie"

Date of Designation: 21 November 1945 NA# C-28306 Dates of Active Duty: 9 June 1943 - 1 April 1978

Total Flight Hours: 5,292

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 418

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,073 Prop: 3,219 VF/VA: 2,510

VR/VP: 1,615 VS: 76 VU/VFP: 780 VT: 251

Other: Centurion - Leyte (F8F), Coral Sea (F2H) and

Shangri La (A4)

Combat Tours:

WW II: USS Princeton (CVL-23), Aug. 1943 - Oct. 1944, as ship's officer in Gilbert Islands, Tarawa, Roi, Namur, Eniwetok, Palau, Guam, Saipan, Battle of Philippine Sea and Rabaul campaigns.

Vietnam: Four tours with Seventh Fleet during Vietnam 1964 - 1972. Yankee Station commander (CTG-77.0) during all of Linebacker I campaign in 1972.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VF-64 (F3H), 1957 - 1958

Commander, CAG-10 (USS Shangri La), 1961 - 1962

CO, USS Hancock (CVA-19), 1968 - 1969

Commander, CARDIV THREE, Feb. 1972 - Sep. 1972

COMNAVAIRLANT, Feb. 1975 - Apr. 1978

Awards (Non-combat):

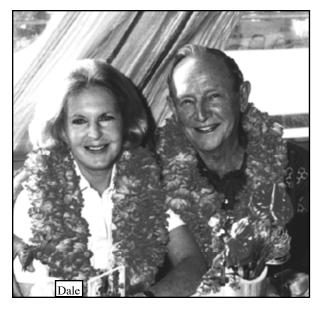
2 Distinguished Service Medals

4 Legions of Merit

Navy Commendation Medal

Pacific Theater WW II Ribbon with 9 Battle Stars

Vietnamese Distinguished Service Award



Duty Assignment Chronology

(* combat deployment)

6/40-6/43	Midshipman, US Naval Academy, Annapolis.
6/43	Commissioned Ensign.
6/43-9/43	Operational Training, Florida.
9/43-10/44	*USS Princeton (CVL-23) - Pacific Fleet.
	Promoted to LTJG (9/44).
11/44 -3/45	NAS Ottumwa, Iowa. Duty under instruction.
3/45-11/45	NAS Corpus Christi, TX.
11/45-5/46	NAS Miami. Promoted to LT (3/46).
6/46-7/46	Carrier Qualification, Jacksonville, FL.
7/46-7/48	VF-7A (USS Leyte) Quonset Point, RI.
8/48-7/49	OPNAV(OP-50), Navy Department,
	Washington, D. C.
8/49-2/50	COMFAIRJAX Staff, Jacksonville, FL.
3/50-8/51	OPNAV (Aide to DCNO (Air)).
9/51-9/52	VF-62, USS Coral Sea.
10/52-7/53	SIXTH Fleet Staff.
8/53-5/54	Naval War College (Command & Staff).
	Promoted to LCDR (1/54).
6/54-6/56	NAS Jacksonville (Assistant Operations
	Officer).
7/56-5/57	Executive Officer, VA-214, Moffit Field.
6/57-6/58	Commanding Officer, VF-64, USS Midway.
	Promoted to CDR (1/58).
7/58-11/59	COMCARDIV 7, Operations Officer.
12/59-7/60	VF-101, Operations Officer, NAS Key West.
8/60-5/61	Industrial College of the Armed Forces.
6/61-8/62	Commander, CAG-10, USS Shangri La.
9/62-7/64	COMNAVAIRLANT (Operations/Air Wing
	Training. Promoted to CAPT (7/63).
8/64-8/66	*COMSEVENTHFLT (Assistant Chief of
	Staff (ACOS) Operations).
8/66-8/67	*Commanding Officer, USS Ponchatoula
	(AO-148).
8/67-9/67	COMFAIRALAMEDA - Special Assistant.
11/67-2/69	*Commanding Officer, <i>USS Hancock</i> (CVA-
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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

3/69-11/69	COMNAVAIRPAC - Chief of Staff. Promoted
	to RADM (11/69)
12/69-2/72	Commander, NAVAIRRESFOR.
3/72-9/72	*Commander, CARDIV THREE.
9/72-2/75	CINCPACFLT - Deputy for Operations and
	Plans. Promoted to VADM (2/75)
2/75-4/78	COMNAVAIRLANT - Commander.
4/1/78	Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Writer for Admiral Arthur Radford when he testified before Congress during the "Revolt of the Admirals" 1949.
- (2) Introduced Sparrow III to Fleet with F3H-2 in 1957.
- (3) ACOS for Operations and Plans for Seventh Fleet for first two years of Vietnam War, 1964 1966.
- (4) Served as Tactical Commander during all air operations by naval forces in Linebacker I campaign 1972 including mining of Haiphong in May 1972 as Yankee station commander.